

Submitting To One Another In The Fear Of God

I. Introduction:

- A. We know that there are certain roles of headship in life (**I Corinthians 11:3**).
 - 1. This is true for society (**I Peter 2:13-16**).
 - 2. It was/is true within the body of Christ in the miraculous age and beyond (**Ephesians 4:11-12**).
 - 3. This is true with families as well (**Colossians 3:18-21**).
- B. Yet, all in Christ are supposed to have a servant's mentality regardless of our roles (**Galatians 5:13**).
 - 1. Though Christ had all authority in Heaven and earth (**Matthew 28:18**), He had the mindset of a servant (**Matthew 20:20-28**).
 - 2. We are supposed to live after His example (**Philippians 2:1-8**).

II. Body: **Ephesians 5:19-21** and **I Peter 5:5-6**

A. The phrase translated "submitting yourselves" means: "to subordinate; reflexively, to obey: — be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self unto. To arrange under, to subordinate. To subject, put in subjection. To subject one's self, obey. To submit to one's control. To yield to one's admonition or advice. To obey, be subject - A Greek military term meaning to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden" (Strong's # 5293).

- 1. Translated as "subject unto" (**Luke 2:51, Luke 10:17, Luke 10:20, Romans 13:1, and I Peter 3:22**).
- 2. Translated as "subject[ed]" (**Romans 8:7, Romans 8:20, Romans 13:5, I Corinthians 14:32, Ephesians 5:24, Titus 3:1, I Peter 2:18, and I Peter 5:5**).
- 3. Translated as "submitted themselves" (**Romans 10:3**).
- 4. Translated as "under obedience" (**I Corinthians 14:34**).
- 5. Translated as "put under" (**I Corinthians 15:27-28, Ephesians 1:22, and Hebrews 2:8**).
- 6. Translated as "subdue[ed]" (**I Corinthians 15:28 and Philippians 3:21**).
- 7. Translated as "submit yourselves" (**I Corinthians 16:16, Ephesians 5:22, Colossians 3:18, James 4:7, I Peter 2:13, and I Peter 5:5**).
- 8. Translated as "obedient to[unto]" (**Titus 2:5 and Titus 2:9**).
- 9. Translated as "in subjection" (**Hebrews 2:5, Hebrews 2:8, Hebrews 12:9, I Peter 3:1, and I Peter 3:5**).

B. We should consider why submitting to one another is to be "in the fear of" God (**II Chronicles 19:8-9, Psalms 111:10, Proverbs 23:17, Acts 9:31, Philippians 2:12, and Hebrews 12:28-29**).

1. If we refuse this command of the Lord, we have something to fear for sure (**Romans 1:18**, **II Corinthians 5:10**, and **Colossians 3:6**).
2. Willfully rejecting the Lord's will is scary business (**Hebrews 10:26-31**).
3. While we are to submit to each other, such is not to be done to the point wherein we would not be submitting to God (**Acts 5:29** and **Galatians 1:6-10**).

C. Think about how being in subjection to one another helps us to...

1. Tarry for one another (**I Corinthians 11:23-33**).
2. Listening to one another (**Proverbs 15:31-33** and **Proverbs 25:12**).
3. Adhering to proper counsel from each other (**Proverbs 11:14**).
4. Have a willingness to concede, give place to another in matters wherein we have liberty to do so (**I Corinthians 10:23-33**).
5. Desiring to be on the giving end rather than the receiving end (**Acts 20:35**) and thus avoiding saints taking advantage of each other.
6. Being better at being hospitable (**I Peter 4:9**).

III. Conclusion: Ultimately, this lesson is about placing others above yourself (**Romans 12:10**).