

## THE POWER OF A SUBMITTED LIFE

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Staying Free, part 10

**BIG IDEA:** Submitting appropriately is part of participating in the freedom Jesus bought for you on the cross... part of growing up in Christ... maturing as a disciple of Jesus.

### What Biblical submission looks like?

“we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!” **Hebrews 12:9**

“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?” **Luke 6:46**

- **Submission of a child.** (Mark 10:13-16)
  - **Submission of subjects to their king** (Aslan & Narnia; Rev. 4:1-11)
  - **Submission of Jesus to his Father.** (Jn 5:19-20; Heb. 5:7)
- Love... Agreement... Trust... Yields control... Under authority... Humble... Leadable... Teachable.

### What does it look like in real life? It looks like...

**Submit to him in His Word:** love, trust, agree, come under, be teachable

“The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.” **John 14:21** Message (Rom. 8:6-8; Heb. 12:9; Ps. 119:57)

**Submit to him by submitting to each other, and in the family...**

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you

do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her” **Ephesians 5:21-25**

**Submit to him in the Church:** To him, to leaders...

“Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit.” **Hebrews 13:17** NLT

**Submit to him in the greater world:** To gov’t, those over you.

“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.” **1 Peter 2:13-14** (Rom. 13:1-2)

*Q: What is hindering you from submitting to God? What is keeping you from submitting to the authorities God has put you under?*

### WHAT’S THE PAYOFF? Why Submit?

<sup>1</sup> **ONENESS** (Acts 4:32)

<sup>2</sup> **CHARACTER**

<sup>3</sup> **POWER & AUTHORITY**

“Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and that one, ‘Come,’ and he comes. I say to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it.” **Matthew 8:8-9**