

In God's Kingdom, He calls us to submit to other people. But, unfortunately, this is where it becomes much more difficult.

We can see ourselves being submissive to God, but we have real problems with the idea of submitting to other people. After all, God is God, and people are full of FLAWS, and submitting to them leaves us very vulnerable.

How can God ask us to submit to others? That doesn't seem right.

Even in these Biblical mandates, the truth of the matter is that this genuine submission is still directly to God. Our trust must be in God, who commands submission to other human beings. We must believe that He is still in control, and those people are not. God is using these circumstances for His glorious purposes.

Think of some Bible examples. Joseph, Daniel, and others yielded to heathen kings, and God used them to save lives. He orchestrated the birth of the nation of Israel. These godless rulers were exposed to the One True God.

God knows what He is doing. In submitting to others, we are showing a much deeper commitment to God and trust in Him.

Remember, voluntary submission is not slavery, and it is not reflective of inferiority. Instead, the one being submitted to is more accountable to God.

Some Bible examples of people we are to submit to and trust God while doing so are:

*"Likewise, ye younger, **submit** yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God*

resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble."
(1 Peter 5:5)

*"**Submitting** yourselves one to another in the fear of God."* (Ephesians 5:21)

*"Wives, **submit** yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."* (Ephesians 5:22)

*"Wives, **submit** yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord."* (Colossians 3:18)

"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation." (Romans 13:2)

*"**Obey** them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."*
(Hebrews 13:17)

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### Conclusion:

It is all about trusting in God. The less you submit to Him and those He tells you to submit to...the less you are demonstrating faith in Jesus. Conversely, the more you submit to God and others...the more you show your trust and reliance on Him.

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Submission And Carnal Thinking

When one ponders the idea of "submission," thoughts of helplessness and abuse come to mind. These descriptions are appropriate for slavery but are entirely inappropriate for submission.

Slavery is forced servitude based on superior power or some form of manipulation.

Submission is voluntary and is based on love and a desire to obey. No force or manipulation is involved in submitting to another.

Ultimately, for believers, submission is only possible because of the nature and character of the God to Whom we submit.

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### What Does It Mean To Submit?

As a follower of Jesus, submission is founded on obedience to His Word and complete trust in God. Regardless of who God tells us to submit to, undying devotion to God and reliance on His

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faithfulness will lead us to loving obedience to Him.

Biblical submission is cemented on the God to Whom we yield. Without a relationship with God, all submission would be twisted to some degree. However, if we voluntarily subordinate ourselves to the will and plans of the gloriously perfect God that we serve, the results will be true peace and satisfaction in life.

It must be noted that this type of relationship with God is no guarantee of living the dream. Obedience to God is rarely in line with our desires. Consider those who have been, and continued to be, martyred for faith in Jesus.

God's will was difficult for them, yet many met their deaths with peace, often singing to God or in prayer. Many had similar testimonies of the first Christian martyr, Stephen, who said:

*"And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, **lay not this sin to their charge.** And when he had said this, he fell asleep."* (Acts 7:60)

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Christ Submitted To The Father

"But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God."
(1 Corinthians 11:3)

Voluntary submission does not mean inferiority! Some cults teach that since the Father is greater than Jesus, that Jesus is not God or He is a lesser God. Simple logic will easily disprove this idea.

I voluntarily submit to my boss at work. Does that make him a superior human being to me? No, of course not!

It simply means that I choose to be obedient to my employer for a variety of reasons.

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### The Power of Jesus' Submission

*"Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but **thine, be done.**"* (Luke 22:42)

Jesus knew what the Cross meant. Jesus did not want to be crucified. He did not want to suffer separation from the Father and Holy Spirit. Three times Jesus asked for the Cross to be removed from His future, but He accepted with complete submission and obedience the will of His Father.

Without this submission, humanity would have no hope!

*"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."* (Romans 1:16)

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Submission to God is POWER!

Jesus submitted to going to the Cross, and the result was POWER for salvation.

Because of His death, burial, and resurrection, all believers have access to the POWER of God to escape eternal torment in hell!

The obedience of Jesus opened the doors for salvation.

If Jesus voluntarily submitted to God... how could we expect to do any less? So why would we not want to submit to God?

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### Submit To God - Victory Over Satan

*"**Submit yourselves therefore to God.** Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."* (James 4:7)

Often Christians speak of resisting temptation, resisting the schemes of the evil one. There is truth in these concepts; however, something else must come first.

Yielding and trusting in God!

If we submit to God, THEN we can resist the devil, and he will run away from us! The enemy cannot get away fast enough from believers under God's guidance and supervision.

Satan is not afraid of us... but he is **TERRIFIED** of the Holy Spirit in us!

*"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**"* (1 John 4:4)

If you yearn to have power over the devil...  
**SUBMIT TO GOD!**

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