

"SUBMITTING YOURSELVES ONE TO ANOTHER"

(Eph. 5:21 - 6:9)

INTRODUCTION - "Submit" listed in 8 areas: (5:21) "one another" (v22) "wives (v25) "husbands" (v32) "church" (6:1) "children" (v4) "fathers" (v5) "servants" (v9) "masters"

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

"Submit" - yield to; to give up resistance; to comply; to recognize a rank (military).
"yourselves one to another" - plenty of occasions to prefer another.
"in the fear of God" - this attitude is in all the areas listed in this lesson; highest authority.

2. (Eph. 5:22) "Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord" (Col. 3:18) "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord"

Rank, compliance, or yielding does not imply inferiority; it's our assignment.
(1 Peter 3:1) This demeanor has ability to convert the non-Christian husband.
(Eph. 5:33) "... and the wife see that she respect her husband"
(1 Peter 3:5-6) Example of Sarah.
(Titus 2:4-5) "... love their husbands ... "

3. (Eph. 5:23) "For the husband is the head of the wife ... "

The husband submits to Christ in knowing how to be a husband (1 Cor. 11:3).
At least 4 obligations are enjoined on husbands (husbands submit to these):

1) (Eph. 5:25) "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church ... "

Christ loved the church in the following ways: 1) Realistically (Rms. 5:8)
2) Sacrificially (v25) "... and gave himself for it" 3) Absolutely, meaning, he did not withhold anything needful from it, (Eph. 1:3)
4) Purposefully (v26-27) 5) Voluntarily (Phil. 2:5-9)

- 2) (Eph. 5:28) "men ought to love their wives as their own bodies"
(v29) "no man ever hated his own flesh" and "but nourishes and cherishes it"
- 3) (Col. 3:19) "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them"
- 4) (1 Peter 3:7) "husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor ... "

4. (Eph. 5:24) "Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ"

(v23) "... even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body"
(Eph. 1:22-23 and Col. 1:18)
What we believe and do is not determined by vote, feelings, current fad, etc.
(Luke 6:46; John 14:15; John 15:14)

"SUBMITTING TO ONE ANOTHER" **Continued**

5. (Eph 6:1) **"Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right"**
(Col. 3:20) **"Children, obey your parents in all things"**

Three specific things God requires from youth:

- 1) (Eph. 6:1) **"obey your parents"** **Why?**

The wisdom of the parent is gained. (Prov. 13:1)

It's reciprocal love - children cannot pay back in dollars what they owe parents.

The habit of obedience is good discipline for the future.

(One will never reach an age in which they do not submit to something or somebody)

Society is benefited - hopefully, youth becomes lawful in life. (Prov. 14:34)

(Eph. 6:1) **"for this is right"** (Col. 3:20) **"is well pleasing unto the Lord"**

- 2) (Eph. 6:2) **"Honor thy father and mother"**

(Ex. 20:12) **"Honor thy father and thy mother"**

(Prov. 23:22) **"Hearken unto thy father ... despise not thy mother"** **Why?**

(Eph. 6:2) **"... which is the first commandment with promise"** - a commandment.

(v3) **"... with promise; that it may be well with you"** - it's true.

(v3) **"and thou mayest live long on the earth"** - when youth obey, respect, and honor the parents' requests, they are spared the vices that shorten life.

- 3) (Ecc. 12:1) **"Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth"** **Why?**

The danger of delay: you lose your desire or your opportunity to remember God.

To have no regrets later in life. ("I wish I had given God more years.")

To give God years of service.

Church leaders will see hope for the future of the congregation when youth serve.

6. (Eph. 6:4) **"And, ye fathers ..."**

(Col. 3:21) **"Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath, lest they be discouraged"**

Fathers submit to divine instruction in the teaching of their children.

1) **"provoke not to wrath (anger)"** - discipline that does not instill contempt for authority.

2) **"nurture / chasten"** - total education and training. (Prov. 19:18; Heb. 12:11)

3) **"admonition of the Lord"** - lack of spiritual teaching tells them it's not important.

7. (Eph. 6:5-8) **"Servants, be obedient (subject to) to them that are your masters ..."**
(Col. 3:22-24) **"Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh ..."**

8. (Eph. 6:9) **"And, ye masters, do the same ..."**

(Col. 4:1) **"Masters, give unto your servants ... ye have a Master in heaven"**