

"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)