



VICTORIOUS SECRETS

“Submission”

In our Christian journey, we develop our faith over time. Spiritual disciplines, then, are habits, practices, and experiences designed to help grow and strengthen certain qualities of spirit — to build one’s character and expand the breadth of one’s inner life. Some spiritual disciplines are personal, inward exercises that are practiced alone; others require interpersonal relationships and are practiced in community. This series will take a deeper dive into how we can become victorious in developing our relationship with God.

- Circle Time: What images or word pictures pop up in your mind when you hear the word, “submit”?
 - What if you’re the one being commanded to submit? Is your emotional response to that positive or negative? Why?
 - What makes the idea of submission so repulsive to people?
- One of the results of having a relationship with Jesus Christ is that it begins to shift our perspective from a worldly perspective to a biblical perspective. Compare and contrast a worldly perspective on submission from a biblical perspective on submission.
- Read Ephesians 5:19-21
 - In verse 19 Paul is defining his commandment in v.21 for all to submit to one another. In your own words, describe Paul’s definition of the word, submission.
 - Pastor Dave taught us on Sunday that a biblical definition of submission was to serve one another. How does Dave’s definition and Paul’s definition support each other?
 - How does leading a life of servitude impact relationships? Culture? Society?
- Servant Leadership:
 - Chris Gheysens, CEO of WaWa said, “Our servant leadership style, of putting the employees’ needs first so they can perform to the best of their abilities, is effective and successful for Wawa. At Wawa, our purpose is fulfilling lives, every day. We are people focused and it starts internally with our culture. We know our associates can make a tiny difference for our customers that come into our stores every day, whether it’s acting as a “day-brightener” saying good morning before they go to work or acting as a “waker-upper” by making them a great cup of coffee. Our brand becomes known as a comfortable, family-like community because we build trust. As a result, our performance is high which leads to company growth.”
 - When was the last time someone let the door close on you at WaWa? It so rarely happens. The culture of servitude even affects the customer base!
 - What are some examples of little things you can do everyday to serve your fellow humans?
 - Is there anyway your group can serve? Chair crew at the church? Park Cleanup days? Pick something your group would like to do to serve others and plan it.