

ROLES & SUBMISSION

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Four Truths:

- 1) Spirit-filled people choose to _____ out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:15-21 (NLT) (15) So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. (16) Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. (17) Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. (18) Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, (19) singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. (20) And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. (21) And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

**SUBMISSION IS A WILLING CHOICE TO YEILD TO ANOTHER PERSON.
SUBMISSION MEANS WE PLACE OURSELVES UNDER SOMEONE'S
AUTHORITY OR THAT WE PUT THEIR NEEDS AHEAD OF OUR OWN.**

Philippians 2:5-8 (NLT) (5) You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. (6) Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. (7) Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, (8) he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

- 2) God designed submission to _____.

Judges 21:25 (NLT) (25) In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

**GOD'S PLAN IS NOT TRYING TO LIMIT US. HE IS TRYING TO PROTECT US AND
HELP US FLOURISH.**

- 3) Submission is a matter of _____ and not a matter of _____.

Galatians 3:28 (NLT) (28) There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.

**IN GOD'S EYES EVERY FOLLOWER OF JESUS HAS EQUAL VALUE. BUT
EQUAL VALUE DOES NOT MEAN IDENTICAL ROLES.**

Examples:

- a) _____.

Ephesians 5:22-33 (NLT) (22) For wives, this means submit to your husbands as to the Lord. (23) For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. (24) As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything. (25) For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her (26) to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. (27) He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. (28) In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. (29) No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. (30) And we are members of his body. (31) As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." (32) This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. (33) So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

1 Peter 3:7 (NLT) (7) In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

b) _____.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NLT) (1) Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. (2) "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: (3) If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth." (4) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord.

c) _____.

Ephesians 6:5-9 (NLT) (5) Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ. (6) Try to please them all the time, not just when they are watching you. As slaves of Christ, do the will of God with all your heart. (7) Work with enthusiasm, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. (8) Remember that the Lord will reward each one of us for the good we do, whether we are slaves or free. (9) Masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Don't threaten them; remember, you both have the same Master in heaven, and he has no favorites.

Hebrews 13:17 (NLT) (17) 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.

1 Peter 5:1-5 (NLT) (1) And now, a word to you who are elders in the churches. I, too, am an elder and a witness to the sufferings of Christ. And I, too, will share in his glory when he is revealed to the whole world. As a fellow elder, I appeal to you: (2) Care for the flock that God has entrusted to you. Watch over it willingly, not grudgingly—not for what you will get out of it, but because you are eager to serve God. (3) Don't lord it over the people assigned to your care, but lead them by your own good example. (4) And when the Great Shepherd appears, you will receive a crown of never-ending glory and honor. (5) In the same way, you who are younger must accept the authority of the elders. And all of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Romans 13:1-5 (NLT) (1) Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. (2) So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. (3) For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. (4) The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. (5) So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE, SUBMISSION IS SOMETHING GOD EXPECTS US TO DO TOWARD THOSE IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY OVER US.

4) We submit to others as a _____ our submission to Christ.

WE DO NOT SUBMIT BASED ON WHETHER SOMEONE DESERVES IT. WE SUBMIT TO HONOR THE ONE WHO PLACED THEM IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY AND AS AN ACT OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD.

Luke 22:42 (NLT) (42) "Father, if you are willing, please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine."

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