



## Beauty of Submission

To submit means- verb

1. accept or yield to a superior force or to the authority or will of another person.

- Submission is the best posture in light of whom we are submitted to.

Romans 13:1 (NIV)

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

- God is in charge of who is in charge.

Daniel 2:20-21 (NIV)

*and said: "Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever; wisdom and power are his. <sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.*

Romans 13:2-4 (NIV)

*Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*

- God has a purpose and a plan for those who are in authority.

Romans 13:5-7 (NIV)

*Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience. <sup>6</sup> This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.*

- Submission does not always mean agreement.
- Our submission to authority reveals whom we are ultimately submitted to.

Romans 13:8-10 (NIV)

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not covet," and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.*

- The best display of who we are submitted to is through the way we love those around us.

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."*