



# A Heart of Submission

# Submission

- God – James 4:7
- Older – 1 Peter 5:5, Titus 2:3-4
- Government – Romans 13:1-7
- Husbands – Ephesians 5:22-24
- Parents – Ephesians 6:1-3
- Masters – Ephesians 6:5-8
- Shepherds – Hebrews 13:17
- One Another – Ephesians 5:21

# A Spirit-Guided Life – Eph. 5:18-21

- Joyful Worship – v. 19
- Gratitude – v. 20
- Heart of Submission – v. 21

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...and be subject to one another in the  
fear of Christ.

Ephesians 5:21

# Submission – Ephesians 5:21

- **WHAT** – “be subject”
  - “of submission in the sense of voluntarily yielding in love”
  - A voluntary choice
  - Not the same as agreement
  - A quality of the heart (Eph. 5:18-20, Col. 3:22)

# Submission – Ephesians 5:21

- **WHAT** – “be subject”
- **WHO** – “to one another”
  - A reciprocal relationship (context-dependent)
  - Key to unity and service (Eph. 4:2-3, 5:22f)

# Submission – Ephesians 5:21

- **WHAT** – “be subject”
- **WHO** – “to one another”
- **WHY** – “out of reverence for Christ” (ESV)
  - The motive when submission isn’t easy

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- Church shepherds – Heb. 13:17
- Church without shepherds – Eph. 4:1-3, 1 Pet. 5:5
- Government – 1 Peter 2:13-14
- Marriage and family – Eph. 5:22-6:4



# Ephesians 5:22-6:9

Wives

Children

Slaves

**submit to  
authority**

Husbands

Parents

Masters

**submit to  
needs**

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- Wives – Ephesians 5:22-24
- Husbands – Ephesians 5:25-33
- Children – Ephesians 6:1-3
- Parents – Ephesians 6:4

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‘God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:6b-7