

The Wife's Submission Pt.2

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JESUS' MODEL OF SUBMISSION:

Matthew 11:28-30

28 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest.**

Submission brings rest from a sense of security, not oppression and fear. Disorder brings confusion and chaos.

Matthew 11:28-30

29 **TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU,** and **LEARN OF ME;** for I am **MEEK** and **LOWLY** in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls.**

Submission ("take my yoke") seeks to learn the heart and the methods of the one being submitted to. If the heart of the leader is meek and lowly, it provokes a heart of submission that wants to learn and wants to please. The yoke is taken not only voluntarily, but eagerly.

Matthew 11:28-30

30 For **my yoke is EASY,** and **my burden is LIGHT.**

When operating Biblically and correctly, the relationship of headship and submission should make life easier and the work lighter, not harder and heavier.

OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLE OF SUBMISSION:

1 Samuel 14:4-7

4 Within the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistine garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side and a rocky crag on the other side. The name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh.

5 The one crag rose on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south in front of Geba.

6 Jonathan said to the young man who carried his armor, "Come, let us go over to the garrison of these uncircumcised. **IT MAY BE** that the Lord will work for us, for nothing can hinder the Lord from saving by many or by few."

7 And his armor-bearer said to him, "**Do all that is in your heart. Do as you wish. Behold, I AM WITH YOU heart and soul.**"

SIGNS OF BIBLICAL SUBMISSION:

- *assurance of God's supernatural involvement and intervention*
- *respect for the boundaries of roles and responsibilities*

- **freedom from anxiety and fear; brings peace, contentment and rest**
- **no self-pity, no victim-paranoia** (submission is universal, men and women)
- **no criticism, no gossip, no second-guessing of motives**
- **does not mistake leadership and submission as a statement of value or superiority**
- **never flaunts superiority in intelligence, experience or skill**
- **no compulsion to intervene or control**
- **information is shared and alternatives are suggested submissively and respectfully**
- **whole-hearted effort to make the decision or course successful**
- **is not blind obedience, nor will submission contradict God's Word**
- **is perfectly content and happy in their role and position, not striving for a different role**

1 Peter 3:1-7

1 Likewise, **wives, be subject** (*hupotasso* - under God's arrangement, to place or rank under, arrange under, subordinate, obey) **to your own husbands**, so that even if some do not obey the word, **they may be won without a word by the conduct** (*supernatural evidence*) **of their wives,**

2 **when they see your respectful** (*Gk. phobos* - fear, terror, flight by terror, intimidation, respect, reverence) **and pure** (*pure, chaste, innocent, unadulterated*) **conduct.**

3 **Do not let your adorning** (*kosmos* - world, order, adornment, decoration added to relieve plainness) **be external**—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear—

4 but **let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle** (*praus* - humble, gentle, mild, meek) **and quiet** (*untroubled, free from disturbances, noise, uproar*) **spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.**

5 For this is how the holy women **who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,**

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. **And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.**

7 Likewise, husbands, **live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel,** since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Proverbs 31:30

"Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."