

## SUBMISSION

### *It's All in Your Mind...Attitude is Everything (Part 10)*

#### TWO THINGS TO CONSIDER:

- Submission is not just for a few people.

<sup>41</sup> Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God." Romans 13:1 (NASB)

<sup>21</sup> submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

- Submission may not be what you think.

#### REPLACE A REBELLIOUS ATTITUDE WITH A SUBMISSIVE ONE:

##### I. SUBMISSION IS DUTY TO GOD.

<sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by him" 1 Peter 2:13-14a (NASB)

##### Submission:

- ✓ To place yourself in order, under established authority.
- ✓ To operate within the chain of command.

##### Submission Directives:

- To government leaders
- To all people
- In the market place
- In the home

<sup>8</sup> To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;" 1 Peter 3:8 (NASB)

**Key: "For the Lord's sake."**

##### II. SUBMISSION IS PROTECTION BY GOD.

<sup>4</sup> ... sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. <sup>15</sup> For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men." 1 Peter 2:14-15 (NASB)

<sup>5</sup> You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God,

that He may exalt you at the proper time, <sup>7</sup> casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you." 1 Peter 5:5-7 (NASB)

- ✓ When I get rebellious, God is against me!

##### III. SUBMISSION HAS LIMITS UNDER GOD.

<sup>16</sup> Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God." 1 Peter 2:16 (NASB)

##### When is enough, enough...

- ✓ It depends upon the source
- ✓ It depends upon the severity
- ✓ It depends upon the frequency

<sup>21</sup> For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, <sup>22</sup> who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in his mouth; <sup>23</sup> and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously;" 1 Peter 2:21-23 (NASB)

**Principle: If authority structure over you is failing you, appeal to a higher authority!**

##### IV. SUBMISSION IS FAVOR FROM GOD.

<sup>18</sup> Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. <sup>19</sup> For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God." 1 Peter 2:18-20 (NASB)

##### V. SUBMISSION IS INTIMACY WITH GOD.

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**If you have returned to God, to follow in His steps is to embrace suffering.**