



## *Ephesians 5v21 to 6v9*

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

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Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

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In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, people have never hated their own bodies, but they feed and care for them, just as Christ does the church - for we are members of his body.

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“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery - but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honour your father and mother” - which is the first commandment with a promise - “so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

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Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

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Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. Obey them not only to win their favour when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.



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Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one of you for whatever good you do, whether you are slave or free.

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And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favouritism with him.





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an epidemic problem with authority



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yet God is, by nature, an authority figure

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we've bought into our culture's take  
on authority

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More than anything, Satan is a rebel

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Satan is a rebel

Jesus models submission



## *Philippians 2*

Your attitude should be the same as Christ Jesus, who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped; but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!

## Jesus models submission

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## *Hebrews 12*

...the Lord disciplines those he loves...  
he is treating you as sons and daughters.

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## James 4v6f

“God opposes the proud but shows favour to the humble & oppressed.” Submit yourselves, then, to God.



**James 4v6f - God's authority**

**Ephesians 5 - authority in your family**

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**Hebrews 13v17**

Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

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**Hebrews 13v17** - authority in church

**Romans 13v1f**

Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

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