

Basic Disciplines of a Believer: A Mature Believer Yields to Authority

Discipline #1: BIBLE SATURATION (Be a Sponge!) – I am filling myself with God's Word

Joshua 1:8 – This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Discipline #2: CONTINUAL PRAYER – I am always talking to God.

Colossians 4:2 – *Continue* earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;

Discipline #3: YIELDED FOLLOWERSHIP – I am submitting to the authorities God places in my life.

Romans 13:1-2 – Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are **appointed** by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

New Testament “hupo” Words:

Several words are used in the NT for submission, and each has similar meanings with slightly different emphases:

- (1) **hupotasso** (ὑποτάσσω) – means “to place under; to submit to”
- (2) **hupotage** (ὑποταγή) – the noun form of hupotasso = “submission”
- (3) **hupakouo** (ὑπακούω) – means “to listen under and be responsive to”
- (4) **hupakoe** (ὑπακοή) – the noun form of hupakouo = “obedience”
- (5) **hupеiko** (ὑπείκω) – means “to yield to; to give way to” (only in Heb 13:17, from *eiko* [εἴκω], to give place or to yield, used only in Gal 2:5 in a negative sense – not to give in to those that demand keeping the Law)

Observations:

- Each word involves “under” (hupo) – Yielding or submitting is being “under” others. This is God’s idea and requirement.
- Each word is something the follower does – the commands are given to the follower!
- Each word requires us to willingly yield to and follow another.
- Each word assumes disagreement of decision or direction. It assumes that we would do something else if we were in charge. At a minimum “submission” assumes disagreement by virtue of differences of opinions as to what is the best decision or best direction. It can also involve choosing righteousness over sin.
- Each word is present as a command. Submission itself *is* righteousness. Not yielding is sin, even if the circumstance or choice does not involve a sinful decision or direction (and disobeying one authority is allowed only when one is obeying a higher authority, usually God).

Realms of Yielded Followership:

A. Believer’s GOD-WARD Submission Responsibilities

1. **Believers Are To Submit To God**
2. **Believers Are To Be Obedient To the Truth**

B. Believer’s FAMILY Submission Responsibilities

1. **Wives Are To Be Subject To Their Own Husbands**
2. **Children Are To Submit To Parents (and Parents Are To Have Their Children in Submission)**

C. Believer’s CHURCH Submission Responsibilities

1. **Believers Are To Submit To Spiritual Leaders (Heb 13:17)**
(Hebrews 13:17) Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
 - APPOINTMENT – God Has Appointed Over Us within the Church Spiritual Leaders – Acts 20:28-31; Eph 4:11-16
 - REQUIREMENT – God Commands Us to Give Way to and Submit to These Leaders – Heb 13:7,17,24
 - ACKNOWLEDGEMENT – God Expects Us to Honor and Protect These Leaders – 1 Tim 5:17-20
 - ILLUSTRATION – A Key Action of Leaders Is to “Shepherd” (Pastor) God’s Flock – John 21:15-17; 1 Peter 5:1-4
2. **Younger (Leaders?) Are To Submit To the Elder (Follower Older Ones – Wait Your Turn)**
3. **Believers Are To Submit To Those Devoted To Service (Help Servants Serve – Help Workers Work)**
4. **Believers Are To Submit To One Another (Fulfill Your Roles – Do Your Part)**
5. **Women Are To Learn In Silence with All Submission**

D. Believer’s OUTWARD Submission Responsibilities

1. **Believers Are To Be Subject To Government Authorities**
2. **Servants Are To Submit To Their Own Masters**

Women Are To Learn In Silence with All Submission

1 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; ⁹ in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, ¹⁰ but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works. ¹¹ Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. ¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. ¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control. ⁸ Βούλομαι οὖν προσεύχεσθαι τοὺς ἄνδρας ἐν παντὶ τόπῳ ἐπαίροντας ὁσίους χεῖρας χωρὶς ὀργῆς καὶ διαλογισμοῦ. ⁹ Ὡσαύτως [καὶ] γυναῖκας ἐν καταστολῇ κοσμίῳ μετὰ αἰδοῦς καὶ σωφροσύνης κοσμεῖν ἑαυτάς, μὴ ἐν πλέγμασιν καὶ χρυσίῳ ἢ μαργαρίταις ἢ ἱματισμῷ πολυτελεῖ, ¹⁰ ἀλλ' ὃ πρέπει γυναῖξιν ἐπαγγελλομέναις θεοσέβειαν, δι' ἔργων ἀγαθῶν. ¹¹ Γυνὴ ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ μανθανέτω (~ act imp sing) ἐν πάσῃ ὑποταγῇ. ¹² διδάσκειν δὲ γυναικὶ οὐκ ἐπιτρέπω οὐδὲ αὐθεντεῖν ἄνδρός, ἀλλ' εἶναι ἐν ἡσυχίᾳ. ¹³ Ἀδὰμ γὰρ πρῶτος ἐπλάσθη, εἶτα Εὕα. ¹⁴ καὶ Ἀδὰμ οὐκ ἠπατήθη, ἡ δὲ γυνὴ ἐξαπατηθεῖσα ἐν παραβάσει γέγονεν. ¹⁵ σωθήσεται δὲ διὰ τῆς τεκνογονίας, ἐὰν μέινωσιν ἐν πίστει καὶ ἀγάπῃ καὶ ἀγιασμῷ μετὰ σωφροσύνης.	Two groups contrasted: 1. Requirements for _____: - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ 2. Requirements for _____: - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ - Concerning _____ Two reasons given: 1. Order of _____ 2. Presence of _____ Is Paul creating a new set of rules or prohibitions? Based upon Paul's reasons, when and where would these apply?
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1 Corinthians 14:34-35

³⁴ Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but <i>they are</i> to be submissive, as the law also says. ³⁵ And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. ³⁴ αἱ γυναῖκες ἐν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις σιγάτωσαν (~ act imp pl)· οὐ γὰρ ἐπιτρέπεται αὐταῖς λαλεῖν, ἀλλὰ ὑποτασσέσθωσαν (~ pass imp pl) , καθὼς καὶ ὁ νόμος λέγει. ³⁵ εἰ δέ τι μαθεῖν θέλουσιν, ἐν οἴκῳ τοὺς ἰδίους ἄνδρας ἐπερωτάτωσαν· αἰσχρὸν γάρ ἐστιν γυναικὶ λαλεῖν ἐν ἐκκλησίᾳ.	The Command: The Place: The Connection: - Submission = _____ (cf. 1 Peter 3:1-6) The Meaning of _____ from the Context (28, 30, 34): The Consistency with the Old Testament: The Solution: The Reasons?: The Shame?: 1 Cor 11:6 - Eph 5:12 - Titus 1:11 ("dishonest")
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(For further study on women in the assembly, see 1 Corinthians 11:1-16; 1 Timothy 3:1-15; 1 Timothy 5:9-16; Titus 2:3-5)