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Becoming A Disciple: The Life Of Submission

Biblical Submission Maintains Personal Accountability To God

Matthew 18:1-4 - *About that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?"² Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them.³ Then he said, "I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.⁴ So anyone who becomes as humble as this little child is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

It Involves Motives Contrary To Heaven's Values

Matthew 20:26-28 - *But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant,²⁷ and whoever wants to be first among you must become your slave.²⁸ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

The Symbol Of Servanthood Is The Cross

Philippians 2:8 - *And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ESV*

He (Christ) Also Lived A Crucified Life

The Life Of Voluntary Submission Is The Crucified Life

Philippians 2:4-5 - *Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.⁵ You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.*

1 Peter 2:21-23 - *For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.²² He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.²³ He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly.*

Ephesians 5:21 - *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

The Church Is Called To The Discipline Of Submission

The Ability To Lay Down The Problem Of Always Needing To Get Our Way

- 1) Biblical Submission Frees Us To See Real Issues Apart From Our Self-Will.**
- 2) Biblical Submission Often Reveals The Attitude We Carry Towards Others.**

1 Peter 2:18 - *Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.*

Matthew 5:21-22 - *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment;*

The Inner Spirit With Which We View People

Matthew 5:44 - *Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*

Matthew 5:39 - *Do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.*

Mark 8:34 - *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.”*

Matthew 10:39 - *If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.*