



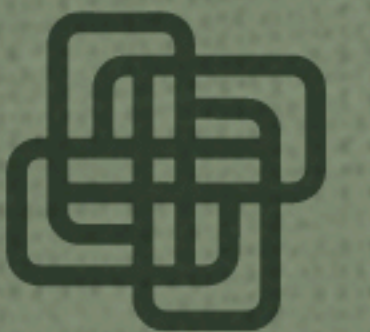
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This passage is NOT about beating someone down into submission. It IS about having our heart reoriented by Christ and living out what it means to be created in God's image.





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Since God's Trinity is ordered, with God the Son & God the Holy Spirit gladly submitting to God the Father, so he has designed all human relationships with authority practiced lovingly and submission exercised willingly without any implication of superiority or inferiority.





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# *Some notes on Submission*

- I. Submission looks a lot like a mutual act where Christ is the center and in turn it fuels relational joy.
- II. Submission is not about being a doormat (1 Cor. 7).
- III. Submission is not suggested. It's commanded.
- IV. Submission is not at odds with distinct roles.
- V. Submission is best centered on Christ because Christ is the center of submission.







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