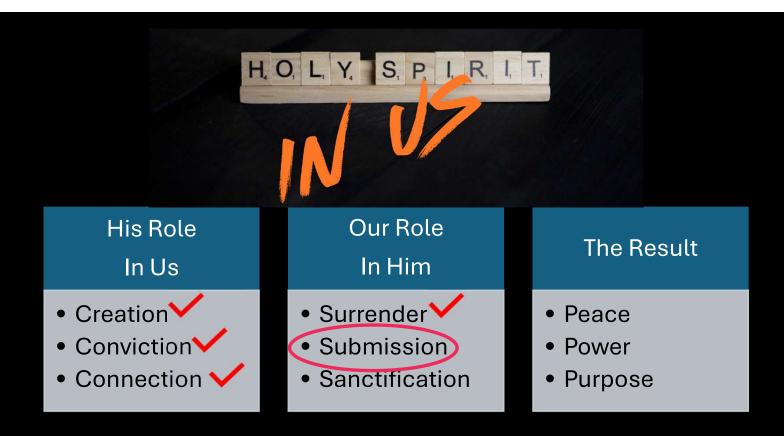
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"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." – Eph 2:10

God Resists The Proud – Gives Grace to the Humble

James 4:1-17 NKJV

V1- Where do wars and fights [come] from among you? Do [they] not [come] from your [desires for] pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend [it] on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, "The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously"? V6- But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

"God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Submit To God – not the devil

James 4:1-17 NKJV

v7- Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.

Cleanse [your] hands, [you] sinners; and purify [your] hearts, [you] double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and [your] joy to gloom.

<u>Humble</u> yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

No Judging

James 4:1-17 NKJV

v11 Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. There is one Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you to judge another?

No Boasting!

James 4:1-17 NKJV

v13 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what [is] your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to say,

"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that."

But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do [it], to him it is sin.

The <u>(Power-Filled)</u> Christian Life – Is Walking with the Holy Spirit <u>Once we Surrendered We were saved – SAFE –</u> <u>Next - Our role Is to SUBMIT</u>

To Live a Life <u>willing</u> to Submit – Submit to His Voice – to His Direction – to His Will for Your Life!

He directs -



We Yield & Follow!

It is a Life willing to – also Submit To Others – Because We Are in Submission to Him

"My sheep Hear My Voice – I Know Them & they Follow Me"

- John 10:27

Anyone Ever Play Marbles?





We expect others to submit to us - even God to submit to us



We Want All The Chocolates – AND – hold back our Blue Marble.

God Wants Us To - Give It Up!

And - Submit It To Him!



Jesus at the Pool of Bethesda -



"Do You Want to Be Made Well?" -John 5:6

Our healing requires our permission and our submission!



WHAT – WHY – HOW?

What is it? -

Submission: hypotassō (who-pa-tas'-so)

Greek Military Term: meaning to -arrange under, to subordinate, to subject one's self and yield to one's admonition or advice - to obey and to be subject to.



WHAT - WHY - HOW?

<u>What is it? -</u> Submission: Greek – *hypotassō* (who-pa-tas'-so) <u>Greek Military Term:</u>

In war – (and we are in a spiritual battle) it means:
"to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". (Jesus Christ)

In life - it is "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".







WHAT - WHY - HOW?

What it isn't!

- Submission Is Not Subjection!

To subjugate someone means to bring them under control and make them subservient - through force or domination. It implies a loss of freedom and independence, with the subjugated party being forced to submit to the will of another. This can involve physical control, but also the subjugation of one's will, desires, or beliefs to those of another.



WHAT – WHY – HOW?

Warren Wiersbe's Book - "Principles Are the Bottom Line,"

<u>Subjugation</u> turns a person into a thing, destroys individuality, and removes all liberty. <u>Submission</u> makes a person become more of what God wants them to be; it brings out individuality; it gives the freedom to accomplish all that God has for your life and ministry.



SUBMISSION – IS **YIELDING**

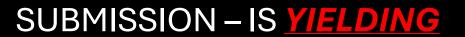


We Submit - When We Yield To GOD'S Will For Our Life!

His Will and Way – Is The Best Way For Our Life!



The Best Way - To Navigate Through Our Traffic Circles!





Especially At Night – In Dark – Scary Places!





What is a **Bond Servant?**

Why Did These Refer To Themselves as Bond Servants?

<u>Moses – Hannah - Simeon - Paul – Timothy – James – John – Peter</u>

Bond Servant - Instructions for making a regular slave into a bondslave is outlined in Exodus 21 and Deuteronomy 15

"When you buy a Hebrew slave, he shall serve six years, and in the seventh he shall go out free, for nothing... But if the slave plainly says, 'I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free,' then his master shall bring him to God, and he shall bring him to the door or the doorpost. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall be his slave forever." (In perpetuity – eternally)

WHAT – WHY – HOW?

What Marks a <u>Regular Servant</u> From a <u>Bond Servant</u> of Christ?

<u>You are free to go – but choose to Stay!</u>

"and my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus." <u>– Phillipians 4:19</u>



WHAT - WHY - HOW?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

"Commit your works to the LORD

- [submit and trust them to Him] -

And your plans will succeed (be established)

[if you respond to His will and guidance]."

Proverbs 16:3 AMP



WHAT – WHY – HOW?

WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Luke 13:34 AMP

O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, - How often have I wanted to gather your children together -as a hen gathers her young under her wings, but you were not willing!

God Wants Us To

IF YOU'VE BEEN WAITING FOR GOD TO MOVE IN YOUR LIFE –
IS IT POSSIBLE – THAT ALL ALONG - HE'S BEEN WAITING ON YOU?!

He's trying to heal – He's trying to lead – but we were not willing"



SUBMISSION - WHAT – WHY – HOW?

WHAT? To Submit Means To Yield to Holy Spirit's Direction (James 4:1-5)

WHY? God desires we do!- For our Protection/Good of Others. (James 4:11)

HOW? James 4:6-7,10 Humility

- v6- "He says: "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."
- v7- "... <u>Submit</u> to God. <u>Resist</u> the devil and he will <u>flee</u> from you.

 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you."
- v10- "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you"

SUBMISSION - WHAT – WHY – HOW?

"Lord even the demons are subject to us in Your name"-Luke 10:17

- The demons submitted to the Disciples – because the Disciples were <u>humbly</u> submitted to the Lord!

WHAT MUST I DO?



How?

SUBMIT - YIELD

STEP 1- Submit To God (humility)

STEP 2- Resist satan (opposite of submitting)

STEP 3 - satan has to flee (satan can not stay in the light of Jesus)

"even the demons are subject to us – in <u>Your</u> name" – Luke 10:17

Who's Name?

<u>Draw near to God – He draws near to you.</u>

WHAT MUST I DO?



SUBMIT - YIELD

"If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." - James 4:13

- To Walk In The Spirit Is To Yield to God's Will for Your Life!
- We Give Holy Spirit Control We Realize Who's Road It Is.

(2 Tim. 1:7)

- Anxious Thoughts? "He hasn't given us -spirit of fear/but power/love/sound mind.
- Speak The Truth (w/Love and Humility)- even if not to your advantage.
- Apologize First (seek forgiveness go quickly settle things)
- Besetting Sins (accountability partner/recognize triggers/replace the habit/)
- Pray Always Ask Holy Spirit to Guide & Guard you/words/thoughts/actions.

WHAT MUST I DO?



SUBMIT - YIELD

How?

You have not because you ask not – or ask amiss - James 4:2&3

- Stay In His Word- (Bible Reading) We Can Know His Will.
- We Have Not- Yet Resisted To Bloodshed/Striving Against Sin (Heb. 12:4)
- You Cannot Be Tempted Beyond What God Allows/He Makes a Way Of Escape - (1Cor. 10:13)
- To Walk In The Spirit- Is To Yield to God's Will for Your Life!

"Do You Want to Be Made Well?" ~ Jesus Christ

SUBMIT - YIELD



Why does It Matter?

God Desires Most Of All -

- #1. Our Salvation!
- #2. Our Maturity In Him!(to grow up in all things)
- #3. We Are His Plan To Reach Others!
- #4. It's a Matter of Life and Death!

Will We Fall Short?

- #1. Yes sometimes- but if we do we have an advocate with the Father.
- #2. 1st John 1:9- "If we confess our sins He is Faithful/Just to forgive ...
- #3. Get Back In The Game Back In The Traffic Circle -
- #4. Saved? You can be in The Arena but not in the Game!

Up to you where you sit:Snack Bar/Bleechers/On the Bench/On the Field

SUBMIT - YIELD



Are You willing to give up the Blue Marble in your life?



- ✓ When you do you allow God to work through your life to impact others and your world – for good!
- ✓ A Yielded Life Is a Life filled with Peace/Power & Purpose!

Holy Spirit - paraklētos

- He is our Helper
- Guide
- Advocate
- Comforter
- Convictor
- Life Preserver

- Remembrancer
- Encourager
- Aider
- Counselor
- Connector
- Commander

The One We Yield To – Our Commander in Chief!







His Role In Us

- Creation
- Conviction
- Connection

Our Role In Him

- Surrender
- Submission
- Sanctification

The Result

- Peace
- Power
- Purpose



