

Family Relationships: Authority and Submission

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
(Romans 13:1)

Submission as the way to Authority

*** Jesus Christ is our Model of Submission (1st Corinthians 11:3/John 6:38) and Authority (Matthew 28:18)**

-Jesus submitted to all the Father called Him to and because of this, the Father has granted all honor and authority to Him (see also Philippians 2:6-11)

-An amazing wonder still: for all eternity, the Man Jesus willingly submits to the Father (see 1st Corinthians 15:24-28). From Christ we see submission as a glorious thing and not a thing signifying inferiority of any kind

***In our homes there is a measure of submission required by each member (father, mother, children).** From this submission comes God's authority to fulfill all His will

-First submission by all members of the family is to God: 1st Peter 5:6 (*Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time*)

-Husbands and wives must submit to each other (Ephesians 5:21). Also 1st Corinthians 7:4 (the man's body belongs to his wife; the wife's body belongs to her husband)

-Parents (fathers) submitting, before God, to the boundaries and dignity God has placed on their children (Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21)

-Children submitting to their parents (Ephesians 6:1 and Colossians 3:20)

***Ultimately, every authority proceeds from God (Romans 13:1)**

-Learning submission (humility) from the Man Jesus is the key to walking correctly in the glory of submission to which God has called us

-From our Head (Jesus Christ) then comes our authority to stand as His ambassadors (2nd Corinthians 5:20a)



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