

Submission

1 Peter 2:13–3:7

Submit in light of who you are and Who's you are.

Submission is not . . .	Submission is . . .

1 Peter 2:13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man

- **Therefore** – What is it _____ ?

1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy. Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed (translated) [us] into the kingdom of the Son of His love,

When reading Scripture, you need to be asking questions of yourself, but also the text in which you are reading. Three of those would be

1. What is the _____ meaning of the text?
2. What does the _____ instruct me about its meaning?
3. What am I supposed to do with this information? (_____)

To help you answer these questions there are three very important keys to understanding a Bible verse.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you do not read the surrounding paragraph and do not make an effort to understand the thought flow of a book, you are setting yourself up for confusion and dangerous, unbiblical doctrine

For further reading: www.str.org/articles/never-read-a-bible-verse

1. A _____ - submit yourselves; live in subjection to one another
 - What does it mean? v13
 - Arrange under, subordinate
 - To submit to another's control
 - Why should I submit?
 - For the Lord's sake v13
 - It is the Lord's will v15
 - To whom am I to submit?
 - Honor (_____) all people v17
 - Love the brotherhood (_____ family) v17
 - Fear (reverential obedience) God v17
 - Honor the _____ v17

This is a fairly broad scope. I don't know that anyone can be excluded based on this list.

2. An _____
 - Jesus vv21-24
 - Who is Jesus?

Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Colossians 1:15-18 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. 18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Philippians 2:9-11 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 2:51-52 51 Then He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was subject to them, but His mother kept all these things in her heart. 52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

- What did Jesus Do? (WDJD)

While WWJD is a good start, it is too open to interpretation. The better place to start is what did He actually say and do. The objective "DID" clarifies the subjective "WOULD".

Philippians 2:6-8 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, [and] coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to [the point of] death, even the death of the cross.

- What example did He leave?

1 Peter 2:23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed [Himself] to Him who judges righteously;

3. Three applications

- Servants (aka _____)
 - Submit because God is a just judge
 - Submit as an example of the believer
 - Submit to honor your Lord

If we read Peter teaching believing slaves to live in submission to even unbelieving masters, what is our attitude towards our employers expected to be? This example reminds us to honor the good and gentle as well as the harsh

- Wives – Likewise, in the same manner, following _____ example

1 Peter 3:1-6 1 Wives, likewise, [be] submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct [accompanied] by fear. 3 Do not let your adornment be [merely] outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on [fine] apparel-- 4 rather [let it be] the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible [beauty] of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

- Submit even to unbelieving or disobedient husbands v1
 - You may be the witness that wins them.
- Purity and _____ v2
- Gentle and quiet spirit vv3-4
 - _____ and _____
 - This is _____ to God
- Do right without _____ v6

Proverbs 3:25-26 25 Do not be afraid of sudden terror, Nor of trouble from the wicked when it comes; 26 For the LORD will be your confidence, And will keep your foot from being caught.

“Contrasted with the habits of worldly women, believing wives express beauty from what is inside the heart. The artificial ornaments of fashion can be lost or stolen and the loveliness of youth may be short-lived, but the beauty of a godly heart is imperishable. Proverbs echoes this truth: “Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord will be praised” (**Prov. 31:30**). Peter taught that this quality is best expressed by a gentle and quiet spirit. The word translated gentle matches Jesus’ blessing of the meek in **Matthew 5:5**. Far from weakness, the gentle, meek spirit requires great strength of character. Such qualities are very valuable in God’s eyes.”

- Husbands – Likewise, in the same manner, following Christ’s example

1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with [them] with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as [being] heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

- Dwell with understanding
 - Spend, _____, time with your wife
 - _____ your wife
- Give honor
 - Show her she is special, of great _____
- Heirs together

“Peter said to treat your wife with this type of honor so that your prayers will not be hindered. The word hindered has the idea of being blocked or cut off. The immediate application is that the effectiveness of the husband’s prayer life is directly impacted by how he treats his wife. Often in Scripture, God connects how we treat others with how He listens to our prayers. If you as a husband are deliberately not treating your wife as important and with honor, when you close your eyes to pray, God’s first item on the agenda would be for you to repent before you ask for anything (“If I had been aware of malice in my heart, the Lord would not have listened,” Ps. 66:18).”

4. Abundant _____

1 Peter 3:8-12 8 Finally, all [of you be] of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, [be] tenderhearted, [be] courteous; 9 not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 10 For “He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. 11 Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.] 12 For the eyes of the LORD [are] on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD [is] against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 5:1-11 1 The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. 5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to [your] elders. Yes, all of [you] be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” 6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, 7 casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. 10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle [you.] 11 To Him [be] the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.