

October Development Guide

SUBJECT: THE BLESSINGS OF SUBMISSIVE OBEDIENCE



Hebrews 13:17 — *“Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.”*

1. Who has God called me to submit to?
 - a. God
 - i. **James 4:7** — *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*
 - ii. **Proverbs 3:5-6** — *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”*
 - b. Government
 - i. **Romans 13:1-2** — *“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”*
 - ii. **1 Peter 2:13-14** — *“Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.”*
 - c. Spouse / Marriage
 - i. **Ephesians 5:21-25** — *“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church... Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”*
 - d. Church
 - i. **Hebrews 13:17** — *“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account...”*
 - ii. **1 Thessalonians 5:12-13** — *“Respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.”*
 - e. Work
 - i. **Colossians 3:22-23** — *“Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers,*

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but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men."

- ii. **1 Peter 2:18** — *"Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust."*

- f. School/Parents (Learning / Authority over us in training)

- i. **Proverbs 1:8** — *"Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching."*
- ii. **Proverbs 19:20** — *"Listen to advice and accept instruction, that you may gain wisdom in the future."*
- iii. **Colossians 3:20** — *"Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord."*

2. How has God called me to submit?

- a. Uncompromisingly

- i. **Daniel 3:16-18** — *Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."*

- b. Willingly

- i. **Isaiah 1:19-20** — *"If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the good things of the land, but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.*

- c. Honorably

- d. Ask yourself these questions:

- i. Which area of authority do I struggle with?
- ii. How can I have a more submissive heart towards my authority figures?
- iii. Whichever authority you struggle with, write out different blessings you want God to bring into their lives and then pray those things over them.