

Ephesians

Lesson 11

Be Subject To One Another In
The Fear of Christ
Eph. 5:18-6:9

Walking In Love Light and Wisdom

1. Walk in love Eph. 5:1-6
2. Walk as children of light Eph. 5:7-14
3. Walk as wise men Eph. 5:15-17

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Introduction

- If we are walking in love, light and wisdom, we will be subject to one another in the fear of Christ
- Since Jesus is over all (excluding the Father), He determines our conduct in all our relationships regarding authority and submission
- No matter what authority the Lord may give us, we are still subject to Him above all and will give account to Him

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Be Subject To One Another In The Fear of Christ

1. What does it mean to be subject to one another?
2. Principles of being subject to one another in the fear of Christ
3. Practice of being subject to one another in the fear of Christ

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What Does It Mean To Be Subject To One Another?

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Thayer Definition:

- 1) to arrange under, to subordinate
- 2) to subject, put in subjection
- 3) to subject one's self, obey
- 4) to submit to one's control
- 5) to yield to one's admonition or advice
- 6) to obey, be subject

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The Lord's Authority Determines All Areas Of Authority And Submission

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

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

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Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

Col 3:18 Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord. 7

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Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit *to them*, for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you. 8

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1Co 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. 9

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Rom 13:1 Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Rom 13:2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 10

Our Submission Is Not Dependent On The Righteousness Of The One In Authority

1Pe 2:18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

1Pe 2:19 For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 11

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1Pe 2:20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

1Pe 2:21 For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, 12

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1Pe 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be
submissive to your own husbands so that
even if any *of them* are disobedient to the
word, they may be won without a word by
the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 as they observe your chaste and
respectful behavior.

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1Pe 3:3 Your adornment must not be
merely external--braiding the hair, and
wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

1Pe 3:4 but *let it be* the hidden person of
the heart, with the imperishable quality of a
gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in
the sight of God.

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Submission Must Be Done Willingly
From The Heart Fearing The Lord

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though
you were slaves of sin, you became
obedient from the heart to that form of
teaching to which you were committed,

Rom 6:18 and having been freed from sin,
you became slaves of righteousness.

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2Co 9:7 Each one *must do* just as he has
purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or
under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful
giver.

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Col 3:22 Slaves, in all things obey those
who are your masters on earth, not with
external service, as those who *merely*
please men, but with sincerity of heart,
fearing the Lord.

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work
heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,

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Mat 10:28 "Do not fear those who kill the
body but are unable to kill the soul; but
rather fear Him who is able to destroy both
soul and body in hell.

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Submission Never Requires
Disobedience To The Lord's Word

Dan 3:15 "Now if you are ready, at the moment you hear the sound of the horn, flute, lyre, trigon, psaltery and bagpipe and all kinds of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, *very well*. But if you do not worship, you will immediately be cast into the midst of a furnace of blazing fire; and what god is there who can deliver you out of my hands?"

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Dan 3:16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter.

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Dan 3:17 "If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

Dan 3:18 "But *even* if *He does* not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up."

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Act 5:27 When they had brought them, they stood them before the Council. The high priest questioned them,

Act 5:28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to continue teaching in this name, and yet, you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring this man's blood upon us."

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Act 5:29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men.

Act 5:30 "The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.

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Submission Never Requires
Disobedience To The Lord's Word

Act 5:31 "He is the one whom God exalted to His right hand as a Prince and a Savior, to grant repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.

Act 5:32 "And we are witnesses of these things; and so *is* the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey Him."

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The Lord Will Judge Us For How We Submit
To Him In All Our Relationships

Col 3:23 Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men,
Col 3:24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve.
Col 3:25 For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality.

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Col 4:1 Masters, grant to your slaves justice and fairness, knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

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Rev 14:13 And I heard a voice from heaven, saying, "Write, 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on!'"
"Yes," says the Spirit, "so that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow with them."

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Principles Of Being Subject To One
Another In The Fear Of Christ

1. The Lord's authority determines all areas of authority and submission
2. Our submission is not dependent on the righteousness of the one in authority
3. Submission must be done willingly from the heart fearing the Lord

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Practice Of Being Subject To One Another In The Fear Of Christ

- Submitting to one another in the fear of Christ means we behave according to His Word knowing He will judge us one day
- Christ defines how we should exercise authority and how we should submit to one another
- Even in exercising authority, we must do so realizing we are subject to the Lord

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Be Subject To One Another In The Fear of Christ

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit,

Eph 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

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Be Subject To One Another In The Fear of Christ

Eph 5:20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father;

Eph 5:21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

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Submitting To One Another In Worship

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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Wives Be Subject To Your Husbands As To The Lord

- The wife's submission to her husband is based on her submission to the Lord
- Her submission to her husband should be willing and patterned after the church's submission to Christ
- In the family, it is God's will that the husband be the head of his wife as Christ is the head of His church

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Wives Be Subject To Your Husbands As To The Lord

Eph 5:22 Wives, *be subject* to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

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1Pe 3:1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,

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Tit 2:3 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good,

Tit 2:4 so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children,

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Wives Be Subject To Your Husbands As To The Lord

Tit 2:5 *to be* sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

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Husbands Be Subject To God As Loving Heads of Your Wives

- His loving headship must be patterned on Christ's sacrificial love for His church
- Jesus died not only to save His church but also to make it (them) holy and blameless
- The husband must love his wife as himself
- Loving headship and reverent submission in marriage reflects the relationship of Christ and His church

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Husbands Be Subject To God As Loving Heads of Your Wives

Eph 5:23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself *being* the Savior of the body.

Eph 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything.

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Husbands Be Subject To God As Loving Heads of Your Wives

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,

Eph 5:26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

Eph 5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

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Husbands Be Subject To God As Loving Heads of Your Wives

Eph 5:28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

Eph 5:29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church,

Eph 5:30 because we are members of His body.

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Husbands Be Subject To God As Loving Heads of Your Wives

Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be embittered against them.

1Pe 3:7 You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

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Loving Headship and Reverent Submission Reflective of Christ and His Church

Eph 5:31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH.

Eph 5:32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

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Loving Headship and Reverent Submission Reflective of Christ and His Church

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must *see to it* that she respects her husband.

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Children Obey Your Parents In The Lord and Honor Them

- Children must obey their parents to please the Lord
- They must also honor their parents not only in their obedience but in helping their parents when needed

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Eph 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

Eph 6:2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise),

Eph 6:3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.

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Children Obey Your Parents In The Lord and Honor Them

Col 3:20 Children, be obedient to your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing to the Lord.

1Ti 5:3 Honor widows who are widows indeed;

1Ti 5:4 but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

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Fathers Raise Children In Discipline and Instruction of The Lord

- Fathers must submit to the Lord by bringing up children training and admonishing them in the Lord's Word
- To discipline without love will anger and discourage children
- To love without discipline will spoil and destroy children
- Failure of fathers in the home is a disaster for our and any society

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Fathers Raise Children In Discipline and Instruction of The Lord

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Col 3:21 Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

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Fathers Raise Children In Discipline and Instruction of The Lord

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;

2Ti 3:17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

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Fathers Raise Children In Discipline and Instruction of The Lord

Heb 12:6 FOR THOSE WHOM THE LORD LOVES HE DISCIPLINES, AND HE SCOURGES EVERY SON WHOM HE RECEIVES."

Heb 12:7 It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom *his* father does not discipline?

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Slaves and Masters

- Slaves must submit to Christ by sincerely serving their masters fearing the Lord
- Masters must not mistreat slaves knowing their Master is in heaven and they will give account in the day of judgment for their conduct

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Slaves Obey Your Master In The Fear of Christ

Eph 6:5 Slaves, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ;

Eph 6:6 not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

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Slaves Obey Your Master In The Fear of Christ

Eph 6:7 With good will render service, as to the Lord, and not to men,

Eph 6:8 knowing that whatever good thing each one does, this he will receive back from the Lord, whether slave or free.

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Slaves Obey Your Master In The Fear of Christ

Tit 2:9 *Urge* bondslaves to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well-pleasing, not argumentative,

Tit 2:10 not pilfering, but showing all good faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

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Masters Treat Slaves Fairly Looking To Your Master In Heaven

Eph 6:9 And masters, do the same things to them, and give up threatening, knowing that both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.

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