

**E.** Submission to pastoral authority.

*“Remember those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you, whose faith follow, considering the outcome of their conduct.”*

Hebrews 13:7

*“Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.”*

Hebrews 13:17

**F.** Submission to elders.

*“Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders....”*

I Peter 5:5a

Limits to submission: These are time when God’s laws and the laws of human authorities are in conflict. In those times, we much choose to obey God’s laws over human laws.

*“19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.*

*20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.”*

Acts 4:19-20

*“But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”*

Acts 5:29

**III.** RECOGNIZE THE MOTIVATION OF SUBMISSION

*“In the fear of God”* (Ephesians 5:21c)

*“...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.”*

I Peter 5:5b

**SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER!**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**A.** Do you know that the words “one another” are used as a command 59 times in the New Testament? These commands describe God’s design for relationships and how we are to engage and respond to one another.

It should be our goal to always one another well. Jesus placed a high priority on our one anothering when He said,

*“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

John 13:35

Imagine a world where every Christian was demonstrating “love for one another” and obeying all the one another commandments. It would drastically improve our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

**B.** God created us to be relational beings and wants us to experience abundant, life giving community. The trouble is many times we don’t one another well. Attend the One Another Teaching Series to improve your one anothering and strengthen your relationships.

May 12	Love One Another
May 19	Greet One Another
TODAY	Submit To One Another
Jun 2	Pray For One Another
Jun 9	Forgive One Another
Jun 16	Encourage One Another
Jun 23	Be Members Of One Another

**C. TEXT:** Ephesians 5:18-21

The primary focus of submission is not about “Who is in charge?” Submission is about how we can humbly operate together to produce harmony.

## HOW TO SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER

### I. UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF SUBMISSION

*“Submitting”* (Ephesians 5:21a)

Submission means to mutually yield your rights and humbly serve one another in love.

*“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;”*

Romans 12:10

A. Submission is supernatural.

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;”*

Ephesians 5:18

B. Submission is Christlike.

*“5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,  
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.”*

Philippians 2:5-8

C. Submission is valuable.

- It meets needs.

*“Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”*

Philippians 2:4

- It preserves order and unity.

*“26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.*

*27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—”*

Matthew 20:26-27

### II. APPLY THE RELATIONSHIPS OF SUBMISSION

*“to one another”* (Ephesians 5:21b)

A. Submission to God.

*“Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*

James 4:7

B. Submission of wives to husbands and children to parents.

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”*

Ephesians 5:22

*“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.”*

Ephesians 6:1

D. Submission of employees to employers.

*“5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ;  
6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart,  
7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men,  
8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free.”*

Ephesians 6:5-8

E. Submission to government authorities.

*“1 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.*

*2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”*

Romans 13:1-2