

Prayer Study 59
Authority

5 Commands to "Submit"

1. Submit one to another(Eph 5:21)
2. Submit to God(James 4:7)
3. Submit to every ordinance of man(1 Pet 2:13-14; Romans 13:1-8)
4. Younger submit to elder(1 Peter 5:5)
5. Wives submit to husbands(Eph. 5:22, Col. 3:18, 1 Peter 3:1-6)

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Word used only twice in OT-Esther 9:29; Proverbs 29:2

Christ imparted authority Luke 9:1-2 *"Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick."*

The opposite of being under authority is being in rebellion. The word clearly states in 1st Samuel 15:23, *"For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft..."*. And witchcraft is denounced in several places in the scriptures including in Galatians: *"Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft[sorcery], hatred, strife, jealousy, wrath, factions, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and the like; of which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."* Galatians 5:19-21

Three leaders in scripture who rebelled against authority:

1. KORAH, an equal to Aaron in authority and a cousin to both Moses and Aaron, seduced 250 leaders to rebel against Moses because he wanted all the power.
2. ABSALOM, a potential heir to the throne and David's son, grumbled about the way things were not getting done and found fault with the leadership. His problem was bitterness towards his father.
3. JEZEBEL, wife of Ahab, wanted to control. To do this, she tried to divide, diminish, and displace the leadership through manipulation; subtle discrediting of leadership, especially pastoral leaders; emotional and sexual seduction; ability to create soul ties with those whose approval is most important; using prophetic and spiritual gifting to draw people away from God-ordained authority.

FAMILY	GOVERNMENT	CHURCH	BUSINESS
<p>FATHER ↓ MOTHER ↓ CHILDREN</p>	<p>NATIONAL LEADERS ↓ LOCAL OFFICIALS ↓ CITIZENS</p>	<p>CHURCH LEADERS ↓ CHURCH MEMBERS</p>	<p>EMPLOYER ↓ EMPLOYEES</p>

- "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord." Colossians 3:20
- "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: (as those whom God has set over you) for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3
- "My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck." Proverbs 6:20,21
- "The eye that mocketh at his father, and despiseth to obey his mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it." Proverbs 30:17
- "A fool despiseth his father's instruction: but he that regardeth reproof is prudent." Proverbs 15:5

- "Submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake; whether it be the king, as supreme, or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well." 1 Peter 2:13,14
- "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God." Romans 13:1
- "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil...for he is the minister of God to thee for good." Romans 13:3,4
- "Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake." Romans 13:5
- "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues..." Romans 13:6,7

- "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you: and to esteem them very highly in love for their works sake." 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13
- "Obey them that have rule (guide) over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as them that must give account, that they may do it with joy and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." Hebrews 13:17
- "Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially them who labor in the word and doctrine... and, the laborer is worthy of his reward." 1 Timothy 5:17,18
- "The elders which are among you I exhort...Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." 1 Peter 5:1-3

- "Servants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing God." Colossians 3:22
- "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:23,24
- "Servants, be subject to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward." 1 Peter 2:18
- "Let as many servants as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and His doctrine be not blasphemed." 1 Timothy 6:1
- "And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them...but rather do them service." 1 Timothy 6:2

"These things teach and exhort. If any man teach otherwise...he is proud, knowing nothing." 1 Timothy 6:2-4

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