Submission Is Not Oppressive

Greg Kline · Philippians 2:1–11

INTRODUCTION

- There are a million ways that a young lady with a talent for speaking and passionate love for the Lord can serve and glorify God.
- That is the challenge of this generation is that we take our viewpoints, our opinions, and enforce them upon the biblical text.

1 Jesus, the Picture of Humility and Submission

Philippians 2:3–8

- Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit. But in humility, count others more significant than yourselves.
- Paul is saying, be unified. It's not about you. Serve others.
- He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- What is someone who is humble and obedient? They are someone who is submissive.

2 Submission Christians Are to Have

James 4:7; 1 Peter 2:13; 1 Peter 2:18

- Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
- Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution.
- Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the unjust.
- What authority do I have to change what the scriptures have to say?

3 Submission Is Not a Dirty Word

Philippians 2:9–11; 1 Timothy 2:11–12

- Jesus is the ultimate example of humility and submission, and that's not a bad thing. In fact, it is the mind that we are to have.
- Jesus left glory. And he did it because God wanted it that way. And that was enough.
- Submission is not a dirty word. It does not make you weak, it makes you smart. It makes you wise.
- Every knee will bow before the Lord. The question is, are you going to do it now or when it's too late?
- Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man.

4 We Need to Open Our Minds

1 Corinthians 14:34–35; Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19

- And people say that is archaic. That is oppressive. And the response is no, that is the will of God.

- Do we not realize that Christian life happens far more outside of the church building than what happens inside of it?
- There are plenty of opportunities for everyone.
- If you don't like Christianity, leave it there. Don't pick up the parts that you like and leave the other parts behind.

5 A Deeper Respect for What Submission Brings

1 Peter 3:1–2

- We need a deeper respect for what submission brings.
- Do you realize that our influence is seen? Our submission to God is noticed.
- God didn't just make these laws up to make fun of us or to play with us. They are for our good.
- If you subject yourselves to someone, you accept them as over you, or you accept their authority, and you go with them.

6 Take the Roles God Has Given Us

Acts 18:26

- Explain. Teach. Nothing's lost. Wisdom is still being transferred.
- I can just be a mother. I can just teach kids to love the Lord. I can just love my husband. I can just support him.
- We need to take the roles God has given us and use them to every degree that we can. And stop looking down on God's plan in the process.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let us not adopt the mindset of the world. Let us always say what God has says, what God has said, I will do.**

MY NOTES