

## Understanding Submission in Christian Marriage

### Introduction:

1. "Submission" is a Bible word and a God-ordained concept.
2. Everywhere in society, God has established authority and expects submission to that authority.
  - Governmental authority - **Romans 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13**
  - Parental authority - **Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20**
  - Church authority - **Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 2:15**
  - Christ's authority over the church - **Ephesians 1:20-23**
3. The biblical principle of authority and submission are also found in marriage. **Ephesians 5:23-24; Colossians 3:18; 1 Peter 3:1**
4. Submission is a wonderful Christian virtue that applies to every Christian in many different ways. **Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5**
5. Christ is our ultimate example of a submissive spirit.
  - Christ voluntarily submitted to the Father in all things. **Philippians 2:6-8; John 4:34, 5:30; 6:38**
  - This same spirit is to be found in us. **Philippians 2:5**
6. When we rebel against the biblical attitude of submission, we are manifesting a non-Christ-like spirit.
  - I'm not just talking about marriage, but in every area of life (work, school, government, parents, church).
7. Many women recoil at the very mention of the word "submission." It is simply because they do not possess a proper understanding of this wonderful, Christian attribute. Also, many men abuse and misuse this word.
8. The purpose of this lesson is to bring clarity and insight to the biblical principle of submission.