

## Ephesians 5 part two & 6

Review: Eph 5:21 - Submit to God in one another

Principle: Gifts Serve, served Honor (God)

General Concepts of Submission to Authority

1. Different Types of Authority – Limited: Type and Scope (same principles)

Civil (Rom 13:1-7), Spiritual (Heb 13:17), Familial (Eph 5:22-6:4)

(Heb 13:17) 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.

2. Delegated: Subject to Appeal, Accountable

(Ro 13:1-2) 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.

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

His Ministers (Servants vs 4, 6) - ex: Korah (Num 16)

Appeal Process - ex: America's "Appeal to Heaven"

- Wives (1 Pe 3:1-7)

3. Blessing in Submission, Judgement in Resistance

Principle: **Authority Serves, those under authority Honor**

ex: Centurion (Mt 8:5-13) - Faith because he understood Authority  
he was serving his servant! (Principle)

if we don't learn Submission to Authority (Honor)

we can't be Trusted with Authority (Service)

because both hang on Preferring Others (Phil 2:3, Mt 23:11-12)

### Ephesians 5:22-6:9, Colossians 3:18-4:1

Employees **Honor** by Obeying as if they work for Jesus - Blessing: Reward

Employers **Serve** by providing an encouraging, fair work environment - Accountable

Children **Honor** by Obeying - Blessing: Prosperity, Long Life (learned skills)

Parents **Serve** by providing Loving Training

Wives **Honor** by Respecting, Coming Under Leadership as to Christ

Submit, not Obey - Partnership with a Team Lead

Husbands **Serve** by Loving, Sacrificially Serving, Sanctifying (Word)

some Responsibility for wife's spiritual condition as her leader

Marriage is Picture of Christ and His Church

Mystery (vs 32) - Diverse Roles in Unity (vs 31, Gen 2:24)

(Eph 4:15-16) we each do our part (Unity) under His headship (Partnership w/team lead)

Marriage: He wants Respect, She wants Security (loved, cared for)

problem: each focused on the others failure - do your part

if both do - enter into Mystery of Diversity in Unity