Submission

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Introduction

1. Text Ephesians 5:21
2. What does it mean to submit?
3. The Bible explains this subject very well, but do we like to hear it?
4. This morning we are going to talk about what does it mean to submit, who is to submit and why submit.

II Discussion

A. What does it mean to submit?
   1. In the Greek the word is a military term meaning, "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader." The idea is to place yourself under the ranks of another.
   2. In non-military used it means, " a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden."
   3. The devils were forced to submit to God. Luke 10:17; 1 Corinthians 14:32
   4. Christ is the perfect example for us. 1 Peter 2:21-25
      a. Guile was not found in His mouth. Isaiah 53: 7 He kept His mouth. James 1:26; 3:1-10; 2 Peter 2:10; Jude 8-10
      b. He threatened not. He kept His temper. Proverbs 25:28; Matthew 5:44 We cannot submit if we are always losing our tempers.
      c. Notice Jesus submission to His Father in the Garden. Matthew 26:39
      d. His whole mission in life was one of submission. John 6:38

B. To whom are we to submit?
   1. To God. James 4:7
   2. To elders Hebrews 13:17
   3. To government 1 Peter 2:13
   4. To the older ones 1 Peter 5:5
   5. To one another 1 Peter 5:5; Ephesians 5:21
   6. Wives to husbands Colossians 3:18; Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1

C. What is to be submitted? James 4:7
   1. Yourselves this implies your will and affection
   2. Your time and talent
   3. Your plans and purposes
   4. Your pleasure and possessions
   5. Your cares and anxieties

D. Why submit? James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:5
   1. Because God resists the proud
   2. Because He gives grace unto the humble. Psalm 138:6

III Conclusion

1. The twin elements of submission and obedience goes together, can't have one without the other.

2. Are you submissive to God? Have you obeyed Him?
3. If no then you have not submitted to God and He resist the proud. What is your end?
4. If yes are you continuing in that submission? If no then submit to Him again, if yes then please keep up the good work!

Sources: Lessons from 1 and 2 Peter lectureship in south east Georgia; Handsful on Purpose Vol 1; Matthew Henry; AT Robertson Word Studies, Strongs, Vines