

Submission... What is it?

Submission is NOT...

1. Inequality

Phil. 2:5-9 "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped..."

2. Recognizing the husband as infallible

Romans 13:1 "Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority (husbands included) except that which God has established." parenthetical thought added

3. Immobility - You're not a slave, a doormat, or completely passive

Eph. 4:16 Each part does it's work

4. Inarticulate - Submission does not mean silence or failure to speak. You must still speak and seek to persuade in a gentle and submissive manner.

Eph. 4:25 "Speak the truth in love..."

5. Intellectual Stagnation

I Cor. 4:2 As a child of God, you are a steward that must be faithful with the gifts that God has given to you as an individual and a woman.

Biblical Submission IS...

1. The divine plan for function and order in the home- Someone must be responsible before God for leading the home. God has assigned that task to the man.

2. A way of life for all believers

Eph. 5:21 "Submit to one another..."

I Peter 2:15 Submit to all authorities

3. A protection for the wife - true freedom is NOT getting out from under authority

4. An attitude

I Peter 2:22 - 3:1 "Entrust yourself to Him (God) who judges justly... wives, in the same way be submissive to your own husbands... that they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives."

5. An act of the will - NOT a feeling

6. A proof of one's love for God

John 14:31 "I love the Father and I do what He says..."

7. A picture of how the church of Jesus Christ is to obey Him

Eph. 5:24 "Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their own husbands in everything."

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