

Submission

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- Text: James 4:7- “Submit yourselves therefore to God.”
- The word submission is a word that conjures in the minds of many negative thoughts.
 - **Weakness**
 - **Inferiority**
 - **Oppression**
 - **Misogynous**
- This behavior has been almost forgotten in some circles.

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- And yet, God insists that his people practice submission.
- A study of the word submission reveals the following:
 - Two Greek words are represented by our English word.
 - **Hupotasso** (submit)
 - **Hupeiko** (submit)- Hebrews 13:17 (Compound word “hupo” (under) and “eiko” (to yield, be weak). In other words “**to surrender.**”

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- Two English words are represented by one of the Greek words.
- In almost all cases in the New Testament the words **subject** and **submit** (and their variations) are designated by the same Greek word.
- **Hupotasso**- A compound word from “hupo” which means under or below and “tasso” which means to arrange in an orderly manner. Thus it means “to obey, subdue, put under, submit, subject.”

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- But really, we just don't like this idea.
- We can go all the way back to Genesis 3:16 to see evidence of the concept. (Please remember that this is God talking not your preacher.)
- Is it my imagination, or did God just tell the woman that her husband was supposed to “rule over her?”

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- That is strong language. We sure don't like that in our current society.
- Try putting that in modern wedding vows.
- But, the idea of submission goes way beyond the husband and wife relationship.
- Our study today will consider areas in which all of us need to be submissive.

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- *We need submission to.....*

GOD

- James 4:7
- The church to Christ.
 - Eph. 5:24
 - Matt. 16:18- He calls it “my church.”

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- *We need submission in.....*

FAMILIES

- Husbands submit to God's will- 1 Peter 3:7, Eph. 5:25.
- Wives submit to your husbands- Eph. 5:23, 1 Peter 3:1, Titus 2:5.
- Children submit to parents- Eph. 6:1, Luke 2:51.

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- *We need submission towards.....*

GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

- Rulers and laws- Rom. 13:1, I Peter 2:13
- Elders- Heb. 13:17, I Peter 5:1-5
- Bosses- Eph. 6:5, Col. 3:20,22, I Peter 2:18

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- *We need submission within.....*

THE CHURCH

- Ephesians 5:21- "Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- Phil. 2:3- "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves."