

Submission Statement

The truth of submission is one of the most important truths in God's Word. It is also one of the most misunderstood truths and one of the most difficult to communicate. We cannot mature as Christians as our Lord would have us to until we learn to live under authority or to have a submissive spirit or attitude. It is so easy to be deceived if we do not allow God to use those in authority to expose what is in our hearts and to lead and protect us through our God given authority. Watchman Nee, in his book, Spiritual Authority published by Christian Fellowship, does a thorough treatment on this subject for further study. He makes a statement with which I agree and feel sums up this issue:

SUBMISSION IS ABSOLUT-OBEDIENCE IS RELATIVE.

A Scriptural incident that illustrates this point is in Daniel 3. Read for details. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were submissive in their hearts, words, and actions to the king who made an ungodly request. They submitted to authority even to being thrown into the fiery furnace yet they did not obey the king's ungodly request. Submission an attitude! Submission is having our hearts and motives pure, yielded, surrendered, abandoned to our God. When these three Hebrew men manifested a submissive spirit their Lord met them in a special way – see Daniel 3:25. Let's trust Him to lead us in His own special way. We are to be precious coins in His hand for Him to spend as pleases Him.!

Questions – Lesson #1

1. Would you like to see some changes in our husband, your children, and yourself?

2. Are you willing for those changes to begin with you?

3. If your answer is yes to #2, there is good news and real hope ahead for you. Read and paraphrase in your own words what God's desire for you is according to John 10:10 and

Ephesians 3:20. _____

4. Are you alone in our particular heartache or have others experienced the same things? What does 1 Corinthians 10:13 say? _____

5. Many are not experiencing the joyful life Christ has provided. Why is this? Read Isaiah 59:2 for your answer. _____

6. Does this disease or condition of sinfulness apply to all human beings or just some? See Romans 5:12 and Romans 3:23. _____
7. Sin is acting independently of God. It is missing the mark or standard God has set for us. This sinful condition makes us think, say, and do the wrong thing rather than the right thing. There are gross, overt sins such as murder, lying, robbery, stealing, and adultery. But there are also mental attitude sins such as jealousy, bitterness, pride, lust, worry, critical spirit, and self-pity. Read Galatians 5:19-21; Ephesians 4:22-32; and Proverbs 6:16-19 and begin your own list of sins as stated in God's Word. _____

8. Ask God to show you the sins that are in our life. On a separate sheet of paper list all of these.
9. What has the Father done with your sins? Read 11 Corinthians 5:21. _____

10. Who paid for your sins? 1 Peter 2:24 _____
11. According to Ephesians 2:8-9, is your salvation earned or a free gift from God? _____
12. What did your salvation cost the Father? John 3:16. _____
13. What did your salvation cost Jesus Christ, The Son? John 19:30. _____
14. Visualize each one of the sins that you listed in #8 as being paid for by Jesus Christ. Write PAID IN FULL BY JESUS CHRIST across the top of the page and tear it up.
15. What must you do to become a Christian or a child of God's? Read John 1:12 and Acts 16:31.

16. What does God say you can KNOW when you believe in or receive the Son of God as your Savior? 1 John 5:10-13 _____

We know we have eternal life—thus are a Christian—based on God's Word, not because of an

emotion, feeling, or experience. Stand on this fact. Trust in this truth. God always honors His Word.

17. Read Titus 3:4-7 and write in your own words what God has done for you, His child.

Record of personal commitment to Christ

On _____, 20__ by faith, I personally accepted Christ's payment for my sins and became God's child as God's Word says in Acts 16:31 and John 1:12.

Whether you have just become a Christian or did so in the past, fill out this commitment as a confirming evidence to you in the future that you are God's child, should any doubts arise.

18. Now that you have received Christ as your Savior and Lord, will He EVER leave you? Read John 10:27-29, Romans 8:38-39, and Hebrews 13:5-6 for your answer. _____
19. Not only is the Christian life difficult, it is impossible to live. We cannot live this life in our own strength. How is the Christian life lived? Read Galatians 2:20 and explain. _____
20. How do we know that the Christian is indwelt with the Holy Spirit, providing the power through which the Christian life is lived? Read Romans 8:9, 1 Corinthians 3:16, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 and Ephesians 4:30 for your answer. _____
21. When Christ is controlling your life through the power of the Holy Spirit, what attitudes and actions will be displayed in your life? Galatians 5:22-23. _____
22. Is it possible to sin after you become a Christian? 1 John 1:8 _____
23. What do we do when we sin in order to turn the control of our lives back over to Christ? Read 1 John 1:9 _____
24. Once you have confessed your sin, do you wait to feel peace, love, patience, etc. before you express such attitudes and actions to those around you? Remember, faith is believing and acting upon what God says without proof from our five senses (feeling, seeing, hearing, touching, or tasting). In other words, faith is trusting the invisible, based on the character of God. Read 1 Corinthians 5:7; 4:18; Romans 15:23b, and Hebrews 11:1-3. _____
25. Begin to see your self as God sees you. Now that you are His child, His Word declares what is now yours to enjoy and appreciate because you "in Christ." According to the following Scriptures, paraphrase in your own words your new life as God's child and praise Him for this life..

- a. John 5:24; 6:47 (eternal life) _____
- b. 11 Corinthians 5:17 (new creature) _____
- c. Galatians 2:20 (Christ lives in you) _____
- d. Ephesians 1:7 and Colossians 2:13,14 (forgiven) _____
- e. Galatians 3:26; 4:4-7 (child of God) _____
- f. 1 Peter 2:9(royalty) _____
- g. John 17:23,26 (totally loved) _____
- h. Ephesians 1 3,6 (accepted as your are) _____
- i. Luke 12:6,7: Ephesians 1:18 (valuable) _____
- j. 11 Corinthians 5:20 (ambassador) _____
- k. Philippians 4:19 (all needs met) _____
- l. Romans 6:2-11 (identified with Christ) _____
- m. Hebrews 4:14-16 (access to God) _____
- n. Romans 8:17 and Ephesians 1:11,14,18 (inheritance) _____
- o. John 15:5 (not superior) _____
- p. Colossians 2:9,10 (complete) _____

26. When you feel your strength and dignity draining form you, ask yourself why/ See Proverbs 31:25.

Then recite the following, concentrating on the area in which you fell the most deficient.

(Taken for “The Search for Significance” by Robert S. McGee.)

*I have great worth
 apart from my performance
 because
 Christ gave His life for me.
 And therefore,
 Imparted great value to me.
 I am deeply loved,
 Fully pleasing,
 totally forgiven,
 Accepted,
 And complete in Christ.*

Meditate upon who you are 'in Christ' until your strength and dignity returns.

27. What will God do with all your present problems, failures and difficult circumstances as you trust Him? Romans 8:28. _____

28. How is a successful marriage achieved? Proverbs 14:1 _____

29. Can you influence your marriage for good? (Before you answer, read from God's Word how influential other women have been upon their husbands.) _____

- a. Eve's influences upon Adam. Genesis 3:1-6
 - 1. How many verses did it take to tempt eve to sin?

 - 2. How many verses did it take Eve to tempt Adam to sin?

- b. Delilah's influence upon Samson. Judges 16
- c. Esther's influence upon King Ahasuerus. Esther 3-7
- d. Solomon's wives's influence upon Solomon. 1 Kings 11:1-4

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