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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

Pronounced "Soul"

Submitting to the Lord vs. husband

Submit is a verb. Submitting is a voluntary action. That means it is something we do. It's not something we make someone else do. Just as we can't force another person to love us, we can't force someone to submit to us either. Today we want to discuss submitting to God first because without submission to God, submission is simply void.

Submission is a choice we make. It's something each one of us must decide to do, and this decision happens first in the heart. If we don't decide in our hearts that we are willing to submit to God, then we are not truly submitting. When we do submit to God, He doesn't suppress who we are, instead He freed us to become who we're made to be created in His image and within the boundaries of His protection. What keep us from submitting to God are previous bad experiences in our life. My question to you is this: Was God responsible? Submit to Him and you are blessed with the best! And for those who are stuck in their past, the scripture reading for this week is your gift.

My brothers, the bible tell men to love their wives!

1. Submission is not a noun and not to be used as a weapon.
2. My brothers, we must make sure we are **fully** submitted to God! Brothers, we must learn to love our wives as Christ love the church (**Ephesians 5:22**) and gave Himself for her (vs. 25).

Christ doesn't neglect, ignore, demean, or abuse the church. He doesn't treat her rudely or disrespectfully. He never acts arrogantly or insensitively toward her. So while God gives the husband a position of leadership to his wife, He also requires the price of self-sacrifice from him.

Too often people confuse "submit" with "obey". However, they are not the same thing. The bible gives commands about obeying other people only in regard to children and slaves, and in the context of the local church. "Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right" (**Ephesians 6:5**)." Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who give account" (**Hebrews 13:17**). Since a wife is neither her husband's child nor his servant, and the local church is not part of the marriage, the word "obey" has no application to the relationship between a husband and wife. Submission means "to submit yourself". In the light of that, when a husband demands submission from his wife, it is no longer true submission.

Therefore, men and women of God, we must not tear down each other! Evaluate yourself and let God evaluate you. Edify each other! Put away the selfish and immature behavior. For those who are single, get with God's program **NOW!!!!!!** We must be mature about this because submission is a serious matter. It starts with God first.

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 1:37

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: When our believing, thinking, talking is according to the Word of God and we have the proper corresponding action (doing), we will receive according to our faith.

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