

# Lord, Change My Attitude From Rebellion to Submission

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**Submission, when properly understood and applied, replaces the pain and strife of rebellion and greatly increases human happiness.**

**Bible text:** Romans 13:1; 1 Peter 2:13-25; Ephesians 5:21

Who is to submit: everyone (Romans 13:1)

Submission is a duty to God.

Take note of two words in 1 Peter 2:13 submit yourselves

You are to submit submit yourselves .

Leaders are not to demand submission but earn  
it as servant leaders.

Why Submit? Submission is for the Lord's sake .

Problem with this: We don't see the Lord .

We see the imperfection of authority figures.

## Submission - Discussion questions

1. Reflect on Rom 13:1 and Eph 5:21. Can you think of cases when you may be entitled not to submit?

Notes: No need to correct any sharing. Merely suggest that after this sharing, please go home and meditate on Rom 13:1 and Eph 5:21 applying this to the case that each individual has brought up, asking God to show each of us His truth in this matter. We do not require men's approval, but we have to give an account of our action before God.

2. Can you think of a biblical character who practiced submission? What can we learn from their examples?

Notes:

David submitting to Saul's authority for the Lord's sake, even when Saul was unreasonable, resulting in God's blessing for David.

Ruth submission to authority, and appealed to authority to correct an injustice.

Luke 5:5 – Simon after fruitless fishing the whole night, obeyed “because the Lord said so”.

Luke 22:42 - Christ submission to the will of the Father “ ... nevertheless not my will, but Yours, be done.”

3. Eph 5:21 and 1 Pet 2:12-25 teach us the reason why we should submit. Does this help you submit to authority that may be difficult or unreasonable?

Notes: I find courage from 1 Pet 5:5-6 about humbling ourselves and casting our anxiety upon the Lord. then 1 Pet 5:10 that this testing/suffering is for a season, and God himself restore us in due time.