SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

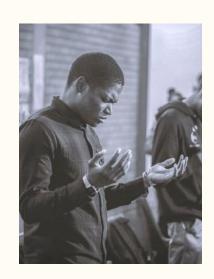


Now have you wondered what submission to God's authority looks like and what it actually means? Submission can be defined as accepting or yielding to a superior force or the will or authority of another person. Authority can be defined as the power or right to give orders, make decisions, and enforce obedience.

Romans 13 highlights submission to the authority. After going through Romans 13, the real question of why we should submit to the authority, what submission looks like may arise.

Firstly, you cannot pretend to love God, who you don't see, while you don't love people around you. It also applies to submission, you cannot claim to live obedient to God if you don't submit to those He has placed in your life. Remember that your loyalty to God is expressed towards the people He has placed around you.

The love Jesus gives you puts you in the position to owe love to others. When you accept to walk in love, it becomes easier to walk in the mindset of a Christian. A heart flooded by love will easily portray the love of God.



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It is important to know the word of God and discern the directive of your authority. The knowledge of the word of God will keep us obedient to directives that have the word as a foundation. Humility is a big test to submission; it requires humility to submit to someone. Your level of humility will determine your level of submission to authority.

Being submitted to God not only opens doors but gives you access to things you wouldn't have expected to receive. Similarly, following the directives and instructions from an authority figure helps you in gaining wisdom and exposes you to benefit from the grace of God in their lives. If you want the double portion of your leaders, do submit and follow their instructions. Through submission, we become partakers of the blessings on a leader's life.

It is essential to pray for God to help you know the authority you should remain under. Sometimes we do leave a place that could have benefited us in growth too early because of an incident that may have happened. Let's remember that consulting God will help you discern and remain under the proper authority.



Aspire for leadership positions to make a difference (Proverbs 29:2); however, it is by submitting that we learn how to lead. A rebellious servant should not expect people to follow him. Start doing the right work of light to be seen amongst the darkness so that your work can chase away the darkness. Do not give way to your flesh to control your actions, nor be live in disobedience.

