

Authority in the Workplace

Ephesians 6:5-9

Submission - God's Command

- Wives to their husbands (Eph. 5:22).
- Children to their parents (Eph.6:1)
- Servants to their masters (Eph.6:5).
- Civilians to their governing authorities (Rom. 13:1).
- God's people to their leaders in the church (Heb. 13:17).

Submission

- It does not make us inferior to others.
- It is not unconditional or passive obedience.
- It does not mean you cannot voice your concerns or views.

Submission - Benefits

- To protect and bless us.
- To develop godly character in those who submit.
- To accomplish God's purposes.

Submission is part of the Christian life.

**“Submit to one another out of
reverence for Christ.”
(Ephesians 5:21)**

(1) Submission is the result of
being filled with the Spirit.

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is
debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 **addressing one another** in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, **singing and making**
melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 **giving**
thanks always and for everything to God the
Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
21 **submitting to one another** out of reverence
for Christ.

(2) Submission is the result of
living a Christ-centered life.

5 Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, **as you would Christ**, 6 not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as **bondservants of Christ**, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 rendering service with a good will as **to the Lord** and not to man, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, this he will **receive back from the Lord**, whether he is a bondservant or is free.

Our submission to authority is
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- (1) Respect
- (2) Integrity or wholeheartedness
- (3) Conscientious
- (4) Willing and cheerful

How about the Masters?

“Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and that there is no partiality with him.” (Ephesians 6:9)

What is God saying to the Masters?

- (1) Do the same to them
- (2) Stop your threatening
- (3) God will judge unjust masters

How to deal with a difficult boss?

1 Peter 2

18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. 19 For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.

The call to submit to the authority is to demonstrate the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ even in the worst human circumstances.

21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. **23** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. **24** He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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Our obedience to authority—even
unjust authority—is for the purpose of
bringing others to God.