

Spiritual Discipline: Submission

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV84)

²¹ ***Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.***

1. What exactly is submission and why do you think it is a spiritual discipline?
2. Based on this week's memory verse (Eph. 5:21), how is submission connected to being filled with the Spirit?
3. What does the bible teach concerning submission in the family (see Ephesians 5:21-6:9; 1 Peter 3:1-9)?
4. Look at Philippians 2:1-11, specifically how did Christ submit to us?
5. Practicing the discipline of submission can have many different applications for today's Christians. Share some ideas concerning the following possible applications.
 - a. What do you think it would mean to be in submission to the ways of God?
 - b. How can we submit to our political leaders and the government, especially if we don't agree with them or support their positions?
 - c. How can we submit to authority figures in our lives (be specific)?
 - d. How can we submit to someone we have authority over?
 - e. How can we submit to someone with whom we are having conflict?
 - f. How can we submit to our families and close friends?
 - g. How can we submit to total strangers?
6. Based on today's discussion and study of the spiritual discipline of submission, what one thing is God prompting you to do this week?