

Authority and Submission

Key Verses: Phil 2:3-93 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Messiah Yahshua: 6 Who, being in the form of Yahweh, thought it not robbery to be equal with Yahweh: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore Yahweh also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:

The general spirit of this world is certainly not one of humility and submission. Pride and vanity is all around us. Submission is mistaken for servility. Contrary to the thinking of this world Yahweh has a plan for us that can only be realized when we learn to submit. Submission is not something to be avoided at all costs, but a necessary part of our development. The word is sometimes used in a military way meaning to arrange (troop division) under the command of a leader. In a non-military use it is a voluntary attitude of giving in, co-operating, assuming responsibility and carrying a burden.

1} Our Example

- a) Phil 2: 3 Lowliness of mind
- b) List the examples that are given by Yahshua is true humility.
- c) Luke 2:51a What is to learnt in this verse?

2} Areas of Submission

- a} 1 Peter 2:13 Government
- b} V18 Employers
- c} 1Pet 3:1 Husbands
- d} 1Pet 5:5a Younger to Elders
- e) V5b To one another
- f) James 4:7 To Yahweh

3} True Authority

True Authority comes from Submission. Everyone must be under some kind of authority.

- a) Phil 2:9 Yahweh exalted Yahshua because he humbled himself
- b) Mk 1:22 Yahshua's authority was seen because he was submitted to the Father.
- c) Matt 8:9 It is the man under authority that can say "go"

Think on these things:

Are you having a problem with submission? The only way to learn and exercise true authority is through submission. At no time at all will be ever be in a place where we do not have to submit to someone. Approached in a right spirit submission releases us to a freedom in Yahweh.