

Champions/Women of Destiny

Year 2 LESSON 20



Surrender

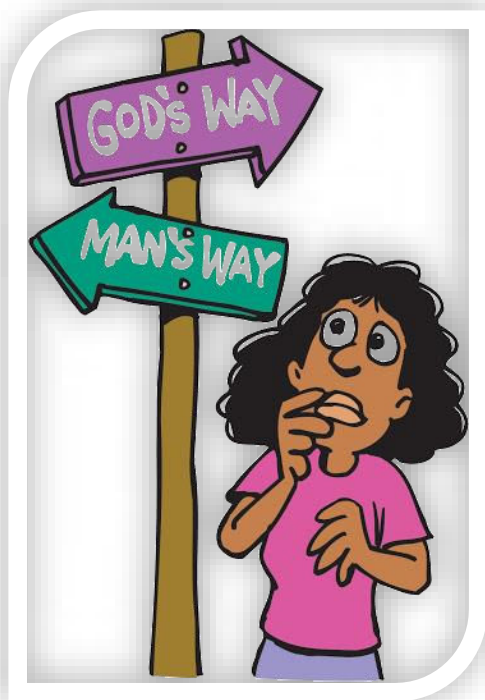
Read these Scripture Passages: 1 Peter 2:13-18; Romans 13:1-7

If you have been hanging out in church for any length of time you would have heard a popular hymn entitled, “**I Surrender All.**” You know how the chorus goes... “**I surrender all, I surrender all, all to Jesus I surrender, I surrender all.**” This chorus, and the hymn in general, talks about a voluntary surrender that Christians give to God. (If you want to listen to this song, click here: <https://youtu.be/6IAz9artoBw>)

Here are some definitions of words that will be used in this lesson:

- Day of visitation – when Christ returns to take all those saved (accepted Christ from their heart) to be with Him forever.
- Submit – willingly yield or surrender; obey, to be subject to.
- Ordinance – a law or rule; authorities who govern over us.

Keep these definitions in mind as we walk through this lesson.



Submission

This has been an ugly word to so many people because of the way people have used it or experienced it. Submission, or yielding to someone else’s decisions, is not popular in today’s time, and probably has always been fought against to some extent.

Even for the Christian, **submission** has been difficult. Why? **Submission** goes against our natural “me first” attitude. Submission says, “**Obey.**” And we shout back, **Please! Who do you think you are!**

Submission implies giving up your rights, and we defiantly hold on to them. In the New Testament, however, **submission means a voluntary acceptance of someone else’s position over us.**

In order to live harmoniously, we need various levels of authority in our churches, on our job, at school, in government and definitely in our homes.



But submission doesn't mean we are inferior to those who have authority over us. Jesus Christ **submitted** to God the Father, although He was equal to the Father (John 6:38).

Submission on the Day-to-Day

Peter told his readers to submit to, or obey, the king and governors. If he were writing to us today, he would refer to the president, our Constitution or another national ruler. He is also talking about those whose responsibility is making sure the laws of our country are obeyed. What he says about submission applies to state and local government officials, school principals, police officers, teachers, coaches, parents, pastors, etc. Peter plainly wrote that such submission **is God's will**. God Himself established governments and institutions to maintain order in society and to punish those who disobey the rules or laws of our land.

So, whenever you and I obey those in authority over us, we are obeying God. And the same is true if we disobey those in authority over us, we are disobeying God! As a result, our behavior is a witness to those who oppose Christians. They won't be able to point a finger at you and accuse you of rebellion or disobedience. 1 Peter 2:12 puts it this way, ***"Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."***



Memory Verse

1 Peter 2:13-15 (NIV)

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

Think About It

In order to do God's will by submitting to those in authority over you, keep in mind the following principles:

1. First, submit yourself to Christ as Lord of all your life. It's easier to obey those over you when you're trying to please God first.
2. You must be willing to give up your own rights in order to help others.
3. Remember Christ's examples. When He was Jr. high age, He submitted to His earthly parents (Luke 2:51). Also, as He prayed about dying for us on the cross, He submitted to His heavenly Father to die for our sins (Matt. 26:39).
4. Respect the office or position, even if you don't agree with the person who holds it. If man's rules or laws violate your Christian principles and/or God's commands in Scripture, then you **MUST** obey God rather than man (Daniel 6:1-10).
5. Recognize that God puts authorities in your life to establish social order and to protect you.
6. Pray for those in authority over you. Also pray that you'll have a good attitude toward them.
7. Someday we will all answer to God for how we obeyed and respected the people put over us (Romans 14:12).

Now watch this Supplemental Video about your lesson:

<https://youtu.be/Xda50F0OS4U>

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LESSON 20 Review Quiz



Click here if you are taking your quiz online, then send the email you receive to your mentor to grade and discuss: <https://forms.gle/uJ7MgKR7rkH7paje8>

Student name _____
(PRINT CLEARLY)

1. Define submission in your own words.
2. Why is it often difficult to submit to those in authority over you?
3. True/False. People in positions of authority are superior to those under them.
4. List two reasons why God established authorities.
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5. True/False. God commands everyone to submit to authorities, not just certain people.
6. Describe one situation in which Jesus submitted to authority.
7. How can biblical submission to authorities be a testimony for Christ?
8. Fill in the Blanks. _____ yourselves for the Lord's
_____ to every _____.
9. What should you do when you don't agree with someone in authority over you?
 - a. Complain to everyone who will listen.
 - b. Try to reach an agreeable solution.
 - c. Argue until you get your way.
10. When should you not obey an authority who is over you?