



# SUBMISSION

**Desire:** *To have Jesus as the Master of my life in absolutely every way.*

**Definition:** *Submission that leads to growth means aligning my will and freedom with God's will and freedom. God's will for us includes freely submitting to each other out of love and reverence for Christ.*

**Scripture:** *"Be responsive to your pastoral leaders. Listen to their counsel. They are alert to the condition of your lives and work under the strict supervision of God. Contribute to the joy of their leadership, not its drudgery. Why would you want to make things harder for them?" (Hebrews 13:17 MSG)*

## God-given fruit:

- *teachability*
- *esteeming and honoring others*
- *developing approachability, gentleness, humility*
- *expressing a deep regard for others and what they might have to offer.*

## Reflection Questions:

1. *Who is an example of someone who knows how to practice healthy, biblical submission? How has his or her life influenced you?*
2. *Do you have to have a submissive temperament? Why or why not?*

## Spiritual Exercises:

1. *Who today do you submit to in the normal events of your life - boss, teachers, parents, colleagues, friends, spouse? What does healthy submission look like in each of these relationships? Pray for grace in these relationships.*
2. *Consider a character flaw you would like to have transformed in your life. Find a Scripture and pray through a process of transformation allowing the Holy Spirit to guide you through steps needed to accomplish this. Submit your Scripture and Word from the Holy Spirit to a trusted friend. What is this like for you?*