

SUBMISSION / *1 Peter 3*

Submission is voluntarily cooperating with someone, first out of love and respect for God and then out of love and respect for that person. Submitting to nonbelievers is difficult, but it is a vital part of leading them to Jesus Christ. We are not called to submit to nonbelievers to the point that we compromise our relationship with God, but we must look for every opportunity to humbly serve in the power of God's Spirit.

Submission is:

Functional a distinguishing of our roles and the work we are called to do

Relational a loving acknowledgment of another's value as a person

Reciprocal a mutual, humble cooperation with one another

Universal an acknowledgment by the church of the all-encompassing lordship of Jesus Christ