



Series: Know Your Bible

**Lesson: 2. Mutual Submission in
Marriage, pt. 1**

- **God's Design for *All* Human Relationships:**
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1. Christians are consistently called to be _____
and _____ people.

*Mark 9:35 – Sitting down, He called the twelve and *said to them, “If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”*

Luke 18:14 – “I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Rom. 12:10 – Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

1 Pet. 5:5–6 – You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time,

2. Christians' humility and submission are rooted in the _____ of Christ. (Phil. 2:3–8)

3. The governing principle in all Christian relationships should be mutual submission. (Eph. 5:18–21)

• **How Do We Reconcile God-Given _____ with Mutual Submission?**

1. Mutual submission does not cancel out that God has _____ human authority in a variety of relationships.

- a. Marriage (Eph. 5:22–24; Col. 3:18)
- b. Parenting (Ex. 20:12; Eph. 6:1–3; Col. 3:20)
- c. The Church (Heb. 13:17; 1 Pet. 1:1–5)
- d. Employment (Eph. 6:5–8; Col. 3:22–25)
- e. Government (Rom. 13:1 – 2; 1 Pet. 2:13 – 17)

2. Mutual submission governs how we relate from positions of authority.

Mark 10:45 – For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

3. Mutual submission in marriage

- **The Biblical Principle of Headship**

1. Men and women are assigned different roles, but they are no less _____ before God.

Gal. 3:28 – There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2. Headship in marriage is rooted in _____. (Matt. 28:18; John 4:34; 5:30)

1 Cor. 11:3 – But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

3. Even though headship does recognize authority, it still establishes a relationship in _____.

1 Cor. 7:3–4 – The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

What Do We Do with These Truths?

1. How is mutual submission different from the world defines relationships (either egalitarianism or authoritarianism)?
2. What are your biggest challenges to practicing mutual submission?
3. How does headship in the Trinity empower and sanctify headship in our relationships?
4. How do you establish a mutuality in a marriage that doesn't become egalitarian?
5. How do you establish headship in a marriage that doesn't become authoritarian?

Blanks: Mutual Submission, humble, submissive, example, Authority, ordained, equal, God, mutuality,