



DAY 1 EPHESIANS 5:21-33

1

What is submission? Obedience comes to mind. The term “submission” has gotten a bad rap because at times it has been associated with being a doormat—flat personality, no expression of opinions, and no personal identity. This interpretation tripped me up at one time. But when we look to Jesus, we see the true picture of submission and obedience. Jesus submitted to the Father and allowed himself to be born into a world that needed a Redeemer. Then he submitted to the cross and took away our sins. Did this obedience cause Him to lose his identity or destiny? On the contrary, it defined His purpose as Savior and his authority as King. The more we know Jesus and act like Him, the more we will operate in true submission. We will honor one another in marriage and other relationships, deferring to one another, and helping one another establish personal and family destinies.

DAY 2 MATTHEW 7:1-5

2

What does it take to have 20/20 vision? Glasses? Contacts? Surgery? I started wearing glasses at age ten. My world had become fuzzy-looking. When we criticize others, but fail to fix our own faults, we cannot see clearly to help others make corrections. Jesus told us not to judge others. Why? Because he doesn’t want us to fall under judgment. Jesus chose to save us, not judge us. We must judge ourselves, and not one another.

DAY 3 JAMES 4:7-10

3

The word, “sin,” has become obsolete. Nobody sins anymore. We just “make mistakes.” We blame our environment, our parents or even the government for the way we act. But does the responsibility for our actions really fall upon someone else? Changing the environment around us can’t change the pollution within us. Only the blood of Jesus can do that. Come near to God. Come to the cross. Humble yourselves and he will lift you up.

DAY JOHN 15:1-8

4

What would happen if the sun stopped shining? The earth would turn cold. Plants wouldn't grow. Everything would die. What happens when we neglect our time with God? We have to spend time in the "sonshine" daily to grow the fruit of the spirit, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness and self-control. If we cut ourselves off from daily time with God, our fruit shrivels. If we want to be like Him, then we must spend time with Him.

DAY PSALM 119:33-40

5

Which students go to college, get good grades, and have a successful career? The ones who party every night, or the ones who study diligently? True students are teachable. They may not always enjoy the effort it takes, but they enjoy the results. They understand that learning is the pathway to success. The same is true of our walk with God. When we allow God to teach us His ways, He directs our paths, and His paths are always good.

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