

Love Thy Neighbor in Service

Is There Strength In Submission?



Submission. We, as Americans, are taught from an early age to be independent. The idea permeates our society. Work hard in school, get a good job and become financially independent so no one can tell you what to do or how to live. Apparently, once that has been accomplished then all of life will be ok.

The whole concept is a myth. We spend our entire lives in submission to someone or something. When we are born we submit to our parents. Initially, we submit because we have no choice. However, once we have reached our teen years we normally submit to the discipline and authority of our parents. While being a teen we may think having to submit to parents is a great burden from which we must free ourselves.

However, I have seen the consequences of being in a home where loving parents do not exist and teens actually are freed from the "burden" of

submission to a parent or parents. The result is normally a child unprepared for the world left wandering the streets attempting to get by doing whatever it takes.

Love Thy Neighbor normally serves that type individual once they have reached their forties, are completely exhausted with the lifestyle and are looking for a new way to live. If one is blessed with loving parents, often college is the next step. In college we submit to the professor's and to the rules of the college.

After that the submission just continues in the working world for your boss or for your client's desires. Everyone who is an American citizen submits

to the laws of the county and the local police enforcing those laws. If we did not, life would be chaos.

The best example of no submission can be found in jail. No one appears to be willing to submit to anyone, and the result is a truly frighten environment.

Submission appears to be a principle that has been put in place by the creator of the universe. To submit one has to give up your position, to a certain degree, in order for relationships to work properly.

Great marriages are characterized by each spouse in submission to the other throughout the relationship. The idea is almost in direct contrast to the American dream of being your own man or woman and completely independent. If you are a Christian, we have been given the ultimate example of submission in Jesus Christ. He came to earth and submitted his will to the Father. He was willing to die on a cross for our sins.

Remember Jesus was not particularly interested in being crucified.

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Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Matthew 22:39

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The night before going to the cross Jesus prayed, "My father, if it be possible, may this cup be taken from me." (Matthew 26:39 NIV). That is, God if there is another way to get this accomplished (saving the world) without my being beaten severely and then crucified, I am all for it.

His next words are truly stunning, and the greatest example of submission. "Yet not as I will, but as you will." Jesus subsequently accepted a false trial, being severely beaten and then crucified. What appeared to be a great disaster and a mistake was all corrected upon Jesus' resurrection on the third day thereafter.

Submission to the Father/Jesus

and the Holy Spirit can be a frightening idea. Being independent Americans we feel in charge of our lives. The older one gets the more apparent it becomes we have no control and are in submission to all sorts of people. Why not begin the process of submitting to the Father/Jesus now.

In Philippians 2:9 (NIV) it says, "Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."

In Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV) the scriptures say, "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so

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"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective."

(James 5:16 NIV)

LTN is committed to spreading the Gospel by Christ's example to "love thy neighbor as thyself." Matthew 22:39. To this end, LTN has designed programs with the purpose of helping clients build a relationship of faith in God, regain their dignity and eventually, regain their self-sufficiency. Contact us to learn more about the services and programs.

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Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of the many people; and he will appear a second time not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him."

Instead of independence why not make the one choice you actually have? Decide now to whom and what you will submit.

May God bless you!



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