

A Pierced Ear: Exodus 21:1-6
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Do you desire to be a slave? Jesus said:

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.” Mark 10:43-45

Being a Slave for Christ really means taking on the quality of submission.

....children in submission1 Timothy 3:4

...submit ...to every ordinance of man...1 Peter 2:13

...be submissive to your masters.....1 Peter 2:18

...be submissive to your own husbands...1 Peter 3:1

Submission is the act of placing our will second to something else. Here are three ways a Christian successfully places their will second to God's will.

First, it is the submission to the Will and Word of God

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1:21

Second, it is the submission to the Church

Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God. Ephesians 5:19-21

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble." 1 Peter 5:5

Third, it is submission to the Oversight of the Church

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Hebrews 13:17

"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more.....'And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector." Matthew 18:15-17

Likely, at some point in your Walk of Faith you will be told something you don't like or don't want to hear. How you react in that moment may expose your heart. Consider these reactions to the truth:

"No one tells me what to do!" - John 9:34

"So what if the Bible says it?" - John 8:43

"Who made you the boss of me?" - Exodus 2:14

Having the right heart, the heart of a servant, is key to our reward. *"His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'" Matthew 25:23*