

Truly Great Will of God

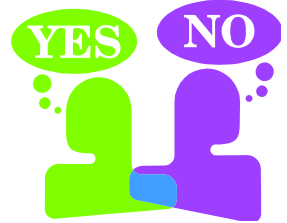
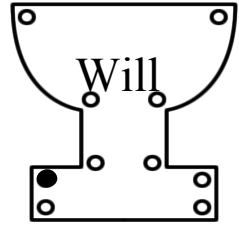
3.7 Obey the Leader

Bible Verse: Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.
They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.

Proclaim: *God place leaders over us so that we may submit to them.*

Truth: To obey the leaders that God place over us is to obey the Lord Jesus.
When we resist the leaders, we are resisting the Lord our God.



Scripture Reference: Colossians 3:17-24

Lesson: (1) **Five “I must” of submission** – *Imagine a door with a lock that requires 5 keys to unlock. There are 5 aspects of SUBMISSION :*
[Quickly] [Cheerfully] [Completely] [Ungrudgingly] [Walk the extra mile].
(1) Do quickly 2) Do cheerfully 3) Do finish 4) Do quietly 5) Do extras needed.
Submit to your leader cheerfully and quickly, finish all that he has assigned to you without grumbling and walk the extra mile.

(2) **Obedience is a command of God** – *Obedience is God’s command. In the old Testament, God caused the grounds to open up, swallowing Korah and his people instantly because they had despised God’s leaders. Imagine a factory without a supervisor -- will there be order and success in it? John 14:31 clearly states that the Lord Jesus has set an example for us. Jesus did whatever the Father had instructed. The Bible teaches that we should submit ourselves to every instituted authority and to the kings; the young are to obey their elders and their parents because this delights God. (1 Peter 2:13; 5:5 ; Colossians 3:20)*

(3) **God appoints and uses leaders** – *God is the One who ordains leaders. The Bible records that God used leaders to speak to His people and to give clear directions. God ordained David to be the leader of Israel in the Old Testament. Today, God has ordained pastors and leaders to lead His church; parents and teachers to lead the young. The Bible teaches: wives to submit to their husbands; husbands are to love his wife. Those who submit to the Lord’s disciples are actually submitting to the Lord. (Ezekiel 34:23-24; Luke 10:16)*

(4) **Man is not submissive by nature** – *It is not man’s nature to submit to others; the normal response is : “He doesn’t know! / “This is not a good method” / “This is not what I like to do”. (Recall when you last did what your parents told you to do.) We must respect and submit to those above us so that we can become God’s appointed leaders in the future as well. (Isaiah 53:6)*

Conclusion: The mark of a fireman is his bravery. In the same way, one of the marks of Jesus’ disciples is their submission. God has placed leaders to lead His people, so let us be people who obey the leaders.

Prayer/Invitation: Pray that today’s truths will be written on our hearts in Lord Jesus’ name.