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Lesson 22: Learning to Be Submissive

Scripture Memory – Psalm 1:1-2

Scripture Verse

Blessed is the one
who does not walk in step with the wicked
or stand in the way that sinners take
or sit in the company of mockers,
but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,
and who meditates on his law day and night.

Psalm 1:1-2

Target Truths

- God wants us to be submissive toward those in authority over us so that He can bless our lives.
- All those in authority over us have placed there by God.
- David was an example of one who had to submit to a wicked authority and trust God for the outcome.

Vocabulary

- Submissive: an obedient and yielded to the will of another.
- Javelin: a light, slender spear usually used in contests.
- Spear: a weapon with a long shaft and a sharp point used for thrusting or throwing

Character Trait

Obedience: Doing what I am told to do by the authorities God has placed over me.



Submitting to Authority

Before you can be used by God, you will need to learn to obey those God has placed over you. It is part of God's design for your life that you have parents and teachers and other leaders to help you in your life. It is important to learn to obey and respect these people in order for God to work in your life.



Verses	God gave you these leaders	How you are to treat those in authority
Exodus 20:12 Ephesians 6:1-2	Father and mother	Honor and obey them
Proverbs 5:13	Teachers	Obey them and listen to what they say
1 Timothy 2:1-2	All those in authority; all rulers	Pray for them and give thanks for them



Why does God desire that you respect those in authority over you? See Ephesians 6:3 and 1 Timothy 2:2. So all will go well and I will enjoy long life so I may live a peaceful and quiet life.

David: An Example of Submission

1 Samuel 19:1-18 Saul Tries to Kill David

19 Saul told his son Jonathan and all the attendants to kill David. But Jonathan had taken a great liking to David 2 and warned him, “My father Saul is looking for a chance to kill you. Be on your guard tomorrow morning; go into hiding and stay there. 3 I will go out and stand with my father in the field where you are. I’ll speak to him about you and will tell you what I find out.”

4 Jonathan spoke well of David to Saul his father and said to him, “Let not the king do wrong to his servant David; he has not wronged you, and what he has done has benefited you greatly. 5 He took his life in his hands when he killed the Philistine. The Lord won a great victory for all Israel, and you saw it and were glad. Why then would you do wrong to an innocent man like David by killing him for no reason?”

6 Saul listened to Jonathan and took this oath: “As surely as the Lord lives, David will not be put to death.”

7 So Jonathan called David and told him the whole conversation. He brought him to Saul, and David was with Saul as before.

8 Once more war broke out, and David went out and fought the Philistines. He struck them with such force that they fled before him.

David: An Example of Submission

9 But an evil[a] spirit from the Lord came on Saul as he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand. While David was playing the lyre, 10 Saul tried to pin him to the wall with his spear, but David eluded him as Saul drove the spear into the wall. That night David made good his escape.

11 Saul sent men to David's house to watch it and to kill him in the morning. But Michal, David's wife, warned him, "If you don't run for your life tonight, tomorrow you'll be killed." 12 So Michal let David down through a window, and he fled and escaped. 13 Then Michal took an idol and laid it on the bed, covering it with a garment and putting some goats' hair at the head.

14 When Saul sent the men to capture David, Michal said, "He is ill."

15 Then Saul sent the men back to see David and told them, "Bring him up to me in his bed so that I may kill him." 16 But when the men entered, there was the idol in the bed, and at the head was some goats' hair.

17 Saul said to Michal, "Why did you deceive me like this and send my enemy away so that he escaped?"

Michal told him, "He said to me, 'Let me get away. Why should I kill you?'"

18 When David had fled and made his escape, he went to Samuel at Ramah and told him all that Saul had done to him. Then he and Samuel went to Naioth and stayed there.

Lesson Review

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