

# we submitted our lives completely to God?

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”

## Gal 2:20a

Do you ever feel like your relationship with God resembles an emergency helpline? And that you tend to seek His will in times of trouble rather than on a daily basis? It can be easy, when things are going well, to assume that you are walking in step with God, and nothing needs to be adjusted. How different would our lives look if we submitted every area of our lives to God on a daily basis, and asked Him to direct us in both the good times and the bad?

## What is Submission?

Often people associate submission with being a doormat and we could view submission to God in the same way. The difference is, we know that God's will is always what is best for us. If Jesus' life purpose was to only do the will of the father (John 5:19 & 6:38) so that we could be saved (Phi 2:5-8 & Mat 26:39-42), our response should be to follow His example.

The Greek word used in the NT for Submit is *hypotassō* - This word was a Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader".

When we view God as our perfect commander, and arrange our lives under His leadership, walking in step with the Holy Spirit who brings to mind God's truths (John 14:26), we give ourselves the best possibility of running the race that He has set out before us (Heb 12:1-3).

## How do we Submit to God?

**Choose** - It starts by making a choice to do God's will in every area of our lives. In Daniel we see that the four friends were unwilling to compromise on God's word regardless of the consequences (Dan 1:8-15, 3:1-18, 6:6-10). They were prepared to sacrifice themselves in submission to God, rather than submitting to the world around them (Luke 17:33).

**Know** - We also see the benefit of studying God's word so that we can identify His will (Rom 12:2). Despite their exile and education in Babylon, after 70 years the word of God was still fresh in Daniel's mind (Dan 9:1-17).

**Pray** - Daniel was a man of prayer, he sought God's will (Dan 2:20-23). Ask God for wisdom (Jam 1:5) and for the Holy Spirit to teach you His will so that you can walk in it (Psalm 143:10).

**This Month's Challenge...** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you any areas of your life that are not submitted fully to God and to reveal to you what adjustments you need to make. In your Bible study, spend time reading passages that reveal God's will in the areas you feel need to make changes in. Share these areas with another believer so that you can encourage one another in them.  
**At the end of the month, don't stop, try to make submission to God a daily "habit"**