

# Finding Joy! in Submission

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We love you. Yes, you

## Compare

### Healthy

- Capitulation
- Resignation
- Bowing
- Deference
- Humility
- Meekness
- Obedience
- Prostration
- Yielding

### Unhealthy

- Appeasement
- Defeatism
- Docility
- Passivism
- Servility
- Cringing

## Submission

### Opposite

- Disobedience
- Rebellion

## For your consideration

### Presence

In His presence is

- Love
- Acceptance
- Forgiveness
- Reconciliation
- Righteousness
- Full joy
- **Peace**

### Peace

In His peace is

- Connection
- Wholeness
- Well-being
- Provision
- Protection
- Assuredness
- Confidence
- **Purity**

### Purity

In His purity is

- Truth
- No untruth
- Light
- No shadows
- Goodness
- No evil
- Trust
- **Priorities**

### Priority

In His priority is

- Purpose
- Destiny
- Order
- Direction
- Certainty
- Community
- Family
- **Power**

### Power

In His power is

- Authority
- Supernatural
- Ministry
- Victory
- Triumph
- Reverence
- Awe
- No ego
- **Presence**

## Submit & don't quit

## Sons & daughters... adopted!

Rom 8:14-15. The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit. 15 And you did not receive the "spirit of religious duty or the spirit of slavery," leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the "Spirit of full acceptance (adoption)," enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, "Beloved Father!"

## Sons & daughters... inherit!

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Rom 8:16-17. For the Holy Spirit makes God's fatherhood real to us as he whispers into our innermost being, "You are God's beloved child!" 17 And since we are his true children, we qualify to share all his treasures, for indeed, we are heirs of God himself. And since we are joined to Christ, we also inherit all that he is and all that he has. We will experience being co-glorified with him provided that we accept his sufferings as our own.

## Sons & daughters... drawn close & freed!

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2<sup>nd</sup> Cor 3:16-18. ... the moment one turns to the Lord with an open heart, the veil [that law and sin consciousness cause] is lifted and [we] see. 17 Now, the "Lord" I'm referring to is the Holy Spirit, and wherever he is Lord, there is freedom.

18 We can all draw close to him with the veil removed from our faces. And with no veil we all become like mirrors who brightly reflect the glory of the Lord Jesus. We are being transfigured into his very image as we move from one brighter level of glory to another. And this glorious transfiguration comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

## Jesus makes it beautifully simple

Gal 5:1. Let me be clear, the Anointed One has set us free—not partially, but completely and wonderfully free! We must always cherish this truth and stubbornly refuse to go back into the bondage of our past.

Gal 5:4. If you want to be made holy by fulfilling the obligations of the law, you have cut off more than your flesh—you have cut yourselves off from the Anointed One and have fallen away from the revelation of grace!

Mat 12:30. “So join with me, for if you’re not on my side you are against me. And if you refuse to help me gather the spoils, you deny me and are making things worse.” ~ Jesus

## Spiritual adultery? *James 4:4*

*(Context... people constantly warring and quarreling)*

TPT. You have become spiritual adulterers who are having an affair, an unholy relationship with the world. Don't you know that flirting with the world's values places you at odds with God? Whoever chooses to be the world's friend makes himself God's enemy!

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You're cheating on God. If all you want is your own way, flirting with the world every chance you get, you end up enemies of God and his way.



## God, the jealous Lover. *James 4:5-6*

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TPT. Does the Scripture mean nothing to you that says, "The Spirit that God breathed into our hearts is a jealous Lover who intensely desires to have more and more of us"? 6 But he continues to pour out more and more grace upon us. For it says, God resists you when you are proud but continually pours out grace when you are humble."

MSG. And do you suppose God doesn't care? The proverb has it that "he's a fiercely jealous lover." And what he gives in love is far better than anything else you'll find. It's common knowledge that "God goes against the willful proud; God gives grace to the willing humble."

## Surrender, submit. It's OK! *James 4:7-8a*

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TPT. So then, surrender to God. Stand up to the devil and resist him and he will turn and run away from you. 8a Move your heart closer and closer to God, and he will come even closer to you.

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## Stay on track. *James 4:8b-10*

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TPT. But make sure you cleanse your life, you sinners, and keep your heart pure and stop doubting. 9 Feel the pain of your sin, be sorrowful and weep! Let your joking around be turned into mourning and your joy into deep humiliation. 10 Be willing to be made low before the Lord and he will exalt you!

MSG. The fun and games are over. Get serious, really serious. Get down on your knees before the Master; it's the only way you'll get on your feet.