Submitting To Authority

Tony Mauck · Micah 6:6–8

INTRODUCTION

- Humility, a low estimate of ourselves, a proper estimate of ourselves in relation to God is critical to a right response to Him.
- He has told you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice? To love kindness and to walk humbly.
- We need to be concerned about serving God and submitting to him, and he'll take care of the exaltation.

1 Submission or Rebellion: The Choice Is Yours

Proverbs 3:5–6; 1 Samuel 15:22–23; Jude 6

- Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your steps.
- It's either submission or rebellion, and there's no in between.
- Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination.
- But in the Bible, a lot of times, the rebellious are covenant people. They're not people who have quit worshiping.

2 We Have to Start With Why

Deuteronomy 6:24; 2 Corinthians 8:9; Isaiah 55:1

- We have to have a good reason for doing something. It makes it easier to do.
- For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, that you through his poverty might become rich.
- We have ample reason and motivation to surrender to God.

3 Surrender Is a Sign of Strength and Courage

2 Peter 1

- This surrender is not a sign of weakness. It is instead a sign of strength and courage.
- It is a sign of strength to exercise self-control in any area. And we have to exercise this quality in our response to God.
- Submitting to God, period. And even small things. That's real courage.

4 Corporately: The Organization and Work of the Local Church

Ephesians 1:22–23; 1 Timothy 5:16; Hebrews 8:5

- We must submit to God's authority in regard to the organization and work of the local church.

- We have as our leaders in the local church, elders and deacons, but we must first and foremost submit to Christ as our head.
- Let not the church be burdened so that it may assist those who are widows indeed.
- That you make all things according to the pattern which was shown you on the mountain.
- Our purpose as a group is the salvation of souls and the nurturing of souls by the instruction of God's word.

5 Submission as Individuals to God

2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 12:1

- What about when it comes to my submission on a personal basis? This is really the essence of it all. Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.
- It's going to require a great deal more work to mold our thinking and character into the image of Christ.
- It has to do with me striving to imitate the love of Christ in all of my relationships.

6 The Enduring Faithfulness of Service

- Perhaps the most challenging thing of all in our personal submission to God is that it's not just about a day or a week or a year. It's the long haul.
- That is choosing submission. Day after day after day after day.
- We need to be there, but we have to go further. Humility and submission. And ongoing humility and submission.

THE CHALLENGE

What shall I render to the Lord for all of his benefits? What have you rendered to him? Have you rendered to him what he desires? And are you saying in your heart of hearts, where he leads, I will follow?

MY NOTES