

Reading: I Peter 5:1-11

Topic: Submission & Accountability

INTRODUCTION: God has made an order for every institution that He has _____ and within that order lies the responsibility of each individual to submit to the _____ and plan of God.

I. SUBMISSION:

A. God's Order:

1. God established a divine order for the very first institution that He established on _____, which was the _____, and that order is still God's plan for today. I Cor. 11:3, Eph. 6:1
2. God also established a divine order for His Church, which He laid the _____ of after His resurrection, and that order is still God's _____ for today. I Pt. 5:1-4

B. Submission:

1. In order for God's order and _____ to function properly, the members of that order must understand the need to _____ to their place and function in the order. I Cor. 16:16
2. Within the family, God has established His order for the proper function of each _____, and when the Word of God is followed, there is a _____ of harmony rather than obstruction. Col. 3:18-20
3. Likewise, within the church, God has established His order for the proper function and _____ of each member, and when the _____ is followed there is a _____ of harmony. Eph. 5:19-21

C. A Test:

1. One of the great _____ of the human will is the _____ of submission to authority, and when we fail that _____, we lose a portion of the blessing of God. Gen. 16:9,10
2. The reason why some people do not want to be a part of a _____ ministry, or be a part of an organization as a minister and instead be independent is because it will require _____ to others that are in authority. Heb. 13:17
3. The real _____ of not wanting to be submitted to authority is _____, and that will _____ an individual of the blessings of God. I Pt. 5:5

D. Blessing:

1. What many people fail to realize is that submission to God's _____ and authority actually produces the measure of God's _____ that cannot be obtained otherwise. Ps. 133:1-3
2. When people recognize the blessing and _____ of being under authority, they find themselves in the _____ of God's favor and they see the results manifested. Luke 7:8-10

II. ACCOUNTABILITY:

A. Responsibility:

1. When we are given a place of responsibility, whether it be in the _____, on the job, or being involved in a _____, there needs to be an understanding of accountability. Mt. 25:19
2. Again, some people do not want to be a part of a _____ or part of an organizational structure because it requires them to be accountable to someone or something and they do not want to _____

to anyone else.

B. Protection:

1. Many people fail to realize that accountability is for our own _____ and protection, not to be an inhibitor of our _____ and development. Prov. 11:14
2. Sadly, many people who have refused to be accountable to anyone else have ended up in _____ of one kind or another. I Sam. 13:9-13
3. In our modern age, many people are now recognizing the _____ and benefits of accountability and are now engaging what is called a _____ coach, who is an individual that will take stock of the person's life and _____, and then make the individual accountable to them on a regular basis.

CONCLUSION: Some people look at submission and accountability as _____ to their progress and well being, but those who understand God's true _____ for His order will partake of the benefits and _____ of being a part of God's flow.