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## Mutual Submission Ephesians 5:22 – 6:9

*The mutual submission between Christian husbands and wives is not a result of grinding efforts through gritted teeth; rather, it is what it looks like when the \_\_\_\_\_ in each of them manifests Himself through them toward each other.*

**Discussion 1.** How would you describe the difference between “submitting” in a relationship as a means of pleasing the other person and “submitting” in the relationship as a result of God’s Spirit working in you? How can you foster more of the latter kind of submitting in your own life?

*For a Christian husband to love his wife the way Christ loves the church should invoke images of Jesus becoming a servant and washing his disciples’ feet. It is a love that \_\_\_\_\_ anything and everything for the good of the other.*

**Discussion 2.** Do the scriptural emphases of “Wives, submit to your husbands” and “Husbands, love your wives” mean wives don’t need to love their husbands or husbands don’t need to submit to their wives? If both are supposed to do both, then why do you think scripture writes it the way it does?

*For Christian parents, like any other Christian relationships, the focus is not so much on the parents’ authority or power or preferences, but rather on God’s authority and what \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3.** As a Christian child or parent, what spiritual disciplines in your life help you better know what God wants? If, as a parent, you realize God wants something differently for your child than you want, how do you handle that?

*When the Spirit of God is controlling relationships, even relationships of servitude or employment, the motives are not fear or coercion (or any other worldly motive), but rather have to do with \_\_\_\_\_ both as the master or as the servant.*

**Discussion 4.** If motives are critical for a Christian in either an employer or employee role, then how do you check your own motives? How do you know whether your heart is in the right place as you engage with an employer or employee?