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I. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO **THE WORLD.**

A. In Relationship to the World the **BELIEVER is CARNAL**; the **CHRISTIAN is SPIRITUAL.**

1 Corinthians 3:1-3, And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

1 John 15-16, Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

James 3:14-16, But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. This wisdom descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work.

B. The **ATTITUDE OF Believers** distinguishing them from Christians is a desire/attitude **toward the World and the things and ways of the World.**

C. The proper attitude toward the world is **SEPARATION.**

2 Corinthians 6:17, Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

1. The PRINCIPLE of SEPARATION.

Genesis 2:24, Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Ephesians 5:31-32, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

John 17:16, They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Romans 12:2, And be not conformed to this world: but be ye trans-formed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

James 4:4, Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

1 John 2:15, Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

2. The PURPOSE of SEPARATION

1 Chronicles 23:14 The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and to bless his name for ever.

1 Peter 2:9, But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:

3. An EXAMPLE of SEPARATION seen in Abraham.

Genesis 11:31-32 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

Genesis 12:1, Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Genesis 12:4, So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram *was* seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Genesis 13:1, And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the south.

Genesis 13:3-4, And he went on his journeys from the south even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Hai; Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of the LORD.

Genesis 13:5-7, And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled then in the land.

Genesis 13:14-16, And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward and south-ward and eastward and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, *then* shall thy seed also be numbered.

4. AREAS of SEPARATION

a. Unbelievers

- **Unsaved Unbelievers**

Amos 3:3, Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

2 Corinthians 6:14-17, Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you,

- **Unbelieving Believers**

1 Corinthians 5:9-13, I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

b. False Teachers

Romans 16:17, Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

c. Things of the World

1 John 2:15-16, Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

Genesis 3:6, And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15, For such *are* false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel. Therefore *it is* no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

Ezekiel 28:13-15, Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone *was* thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the

jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. Thou *art* the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee *so*: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou *wast* perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

James 4:7, Submit yourselves therefore to God. *Resist the devil*, and he will flee from you.

D. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENT - WE ARE IN THE WORLD BUT NOT OF THE WORLD.

II. ATTITUDE ADJUSTMENTS IN RELATIONSHIP TO AUTHORITY.

A. In Relationship to Authority the **BELIEVER is OVERCOME/DEFEATED**, while the **CHRISTIAN is an OVERCOMER**.

James 4:7, *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

1 Peter 5:6 *Humble yourselves there fore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

B. The **ATTITUDE of Believers** which distinguish them from Christians is an attitude of **INDIVIDUALISM AND INDEPENDENCE**.

C. The attitude toward authority which will make one an **OVERCOMER is SUBMISSION TO GOD**.

James 4:7, *Submit yourselves therefore unto God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

D. A **BELIEVER is in submission to God when he is in SUBMISSION to those whom God has placed in positions of AUTHORITY**.

Daniel 4:17, *This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men.*

Romans 13:1-2, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.*

1 Peter 5:6, *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

E. The **MIGHT HAND OF GOD** (*1 Peter 5:6*) speaks of **FIVE RELATIONSHIPS** in which there is **SUBMISSION to AUTHORITY** (These five relationships are *seen in Peter's 1st Epistle to the Church*).

1. To ONE ANOTHER

1 Peter 5:5, *Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

Eph.5:21, *Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.*

2. WIVES to their HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:1, Likewise, ye wives, *be in subjection to your own husbands*; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

Ephesians 5:22, Wives, *submit yourselves unto your own husbands*, as unto the Lord.

Colossians 3:18, Wives, *submit yourselves unto your own husbands*, as it is fit in the Lord.

3. MEMBERS to the ELDERS in the Church

- **Elders by virtue of age**

1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, *submit yourselves unto the elder*. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- **Ruling Elders**

Hebrews 13:17, *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves*: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that *is* unprofitable for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, *and are over you in the Lord*, and admonish you; 13 And to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. *And* be at peace among yourselves.

4. To the CIVIL/MILITARY GOVERNMENT

1 Peter 2:13-17, *Submit yourselves to every ordinance* of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well. For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using *your* liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God. Honour all *men*. Love the brother-hood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Romans 13:1-7, *Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers*. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon

this very thing. Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

5. EMPLOYEES to EMPLOYERS

1 Peter 2:18, Servants, *be subject to your masters* with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward

Eph 6:5-8, Servants, *be obedient to them that are your masters* according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; Not with eye service, as men pleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be bond or free*.

Colossian 3:22, Servants, *obey in all things your masters* according to the flesh; not with eye service, as men pleasers; but in singleness of heart, fearing God:

NOTE: Children are not included in the above five relationships, as children are not called to submit but rather to OBEY.

F. Those **HAVING AUTHORITY** submit to those **UNDER AUTHORITY** by submitting to and fulfilling their responsibilities as **SERVANTS** to those under their authority.

Matthew 20:25-28, But Jesus called them *unto him*, and said, Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister (*servant*); And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant (*slave*): Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

1. HUSBANDS

1 Peter 3:7, Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, *giving honour unto the wife*, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

Ephesians 5:25, *Husbands, love your wives*, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Colossians 3:19, *Husbands, love your wives*, and be not bitter against them.

2. ELDERS

1 Peter 5:1-3, The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be

reveal-ed: *Feed the flock* of God which is among you, *taking the oversight thereof*, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over *God's* heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to *feed the church* of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Titus 1:7, For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not self willed, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

1 Timothy 3:1-6, This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;(For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

3. CIVIL/MILITARY RULERS

Romans 13:3-4, For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: For *he is the minister of God to thee for good*. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute wrath* (punishment) upon *him that doeth evil*.

4. EMPLOYERS

Ephesians 6:9, And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

Colossians 4:1, Masters, give unto *your* servants that which is **just** and **equal**; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

NOTE: Submission on the part of those UNDER AUTHORITY and those HAVING AUTHORITY is NOT conditioned on whether or not submission is given to them, by those to whom they are to submit.

G. FIVE WORDS which describes SUBMISSION.

1. HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:5, Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be *clothed with humility*: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

2. PREFERRING

Romans 12:10, Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour *preferring* one another;

3. ESTEEM

Philippians 2:3-4, *Let nothing be done* through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each *esteem* other better than themselves Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

4. LOVE (AGAPE) SERVANT

Galatians 5:13, For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only *use* not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but *by love serve one another*.

5. BEARING BURDENS (SUPPORTING)

Galatians 6:2, *Bear* ye one another's *burdens* and so fulfil the law of Christ.

Romans 15:1, We then that are strong ought to *bear* the *infirmities* of the weak, and not to please ourselves.

H. SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY BRINGS VICTORY AND MAKES ONE AN OVERCOMER.

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