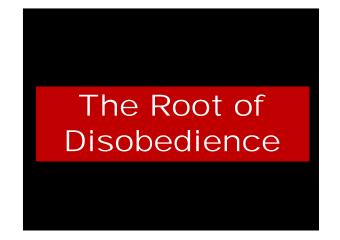


Leadership and Submission seem to be a paradox (opposing terms) A true leader is first, a follower

Mark 9:35
Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all."





2 Timothy 3:1-5

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous,..."

"...without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God-- having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with them."



Kung hindi mo kayang magpasakop sa Diyos, <u>mahihirapan</u> kang magpasakop sa iyong lider

Why should we obey and submit to our leaders?



Parents/Husband Church/Government leaders Earthly Superiors To one another

Romans 13:1-6

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Obedience and Submission

Obedience does not necessarily mean submission, and vice versa. Ezekiel 33:31 (NKJV)

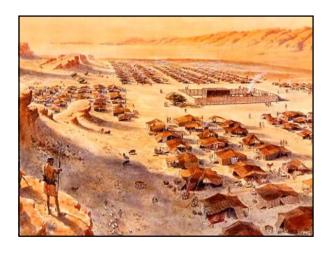
"So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain.

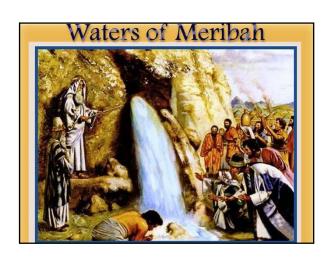
James 2:15-17

Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, "Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about his physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

You obey because you don't see the bigger picture



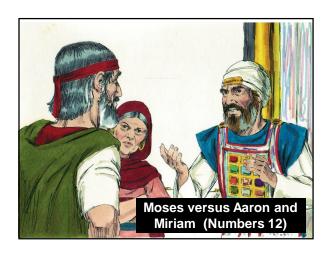




Exodus 16:8

Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."

You obey because your leader occupies a God-ordained office



Numbers 12:1-2

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. Has the LORD spoken only through Moses? they asked.

"Hasn't he also spoken through us?" And the LORD heard this.

Psalm 105:15
Do not touch my anointed ones; do my prophets no harm. (ref. I Chron. 16:22)



Daniel 2:21

He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning.

Proverbs 21:1-4

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You MAY think you are right but only God knows your real motives

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1 Peter 2:18

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

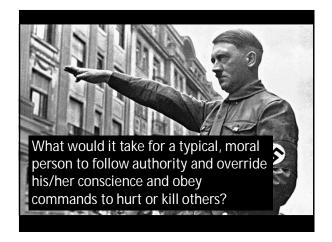
Romans 12:17,19

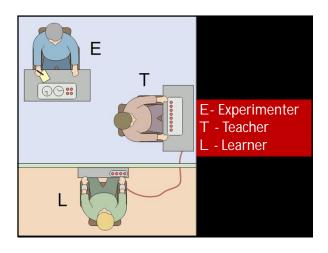
Do not repay anyone evil for evil... Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

The Milgram Experiment





Senior psychology students prediction: 1.2% would go all the way to 65% of volunteers pushed the 450V button (up to 3x) Professional psychiatrists

prediction: 0.1%

"Ordinary people, simply doing their jobs, and without any particular hostility on their part, can become agents in a terrible destructive process. Moreover, even when the destructive effects of their work become patently clear, and they are asked to carry out actions incompatible with fundamental standards of morality, relatively few people have the resources needed to resist authority." (Milgram, Perils of Obedience, 1974)

When should we not obey our leaders?

Romans 13:3-4

For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

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Leaders are called by God to DO GOOD and RESTRAIN EVIL

We disobey when there is a <u>clear</u> violation of God's Word



Exodus 1:17 - The midwives, however, feared God and did not do what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.



Daniel 3:16-17
Shadrach, Meshach and
Abednego replied to the
king, "O Nebuchadnezzar,
we do not need to defend
ourselves before you in this
matter. If we are thrown into
the blazing furnace, the God
we serve is able to save us
from it, and he will rescue us
from your hand, O king.

Acts 5:28-29

We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!

The Benefits of Submission

"Faith and obedience are inseparable because obedience is <u>evidence</u> of true faith."

-John Bevere

Isaiah 1:19-20

If you are willing and obedient, you will eat the best from the land; but if you resist and rebel, you will be devoured by the sword." For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

1 Chronicles 28:9

And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

