



Relational Awareness ~ Lesson 2

PowerPoint Notes

REVIEW

In This Study we want to:

1. Improve all of our relationships
2. Be able to offer help others

In our first week we learned about Domestic Kindness

Domestic Kindness Equips Churches to Be Part of the Solution to Domestic Abuse

As Christians, Domestic Abuse is an Issue we must take Seriously.

Last week we learned about God's Definition of Love

1 Corinthians 13 ~ What it Means to Love and to Be Loved

We learned that love is better than spiritual gifts or great works.

Note: We are commanded to love and yet we cannot fully love if we are not being continuously filled with God's love.

We learned how to evaluate our relationships based on 1 Corinthians 13

Do we love others this way?

Do others love us this way?

For example: Love is patient.

Am I patient with the other person?

Is the other person patient with me?

RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE MUTUAL

Today's Lesson ~ Mutual Submission

Ephesians 5 ~ God's Idea of Submission

Why study about Submission?

God's design for relationships is mutual submission.

Why study about Marriage?

- Marriage is a tangible way to see what God's unconditional, selfless, and never-ending love is all about.
- God's relationship with His people is often compared to a husband and wife.
- Everyone can benefit from studying about marriage. Everyone knows someone who is married.
- Many principles for a good marital relationship apply to all close relationships.

Submission

The word "submit" in the Bible is often mis-interpreted as "yield to someone's control."

It is sometimes used for the ill-intentioned purposes of an abuser to control a spouse.

Whenever Bible scripture is used as a weapon to control another person, that is **Spiritual Abuse**.

How should we interpret God's Word?

According to God's heart, as seen **throughout the Bible**

God's **love** is the foundation and motivation for all He does and says. Therefore, we must always interpret what He says **through the lens of His love**.

Greek word for submit - Hupotasso:

- Military – arrange under the command of a leader
- Non-military – Willingly Cooperate or Attach

The Bible does **NOT** refer to marriage as a **military unit**, **NOR** as an **organization**.

The Bible refers to marriage as a **relationship** that operates as a physical body, **co-operating – working together, attached to each other**.

Ephesians 5:21 says: "Submit to one another."

Submit = Cooperate = Work Together

Husband and Wife Submit to Each Other in Different Ways

HUSBAND submits (works together) by **SACRIFICING** (dying to himself)

WIFE submits (works together) by **RESPECTING** (he is an image bearer of God)

GOALS FOR THIS LESSON

- To understand the meaning of submission according to God's word
- To see what submission looks like in a marriage

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ

Ephesians 5:21