



## *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*