

Obey & Submit

Heb 13:17 *"Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you."*

What does it mean to Obey?

- 2. *peitho* (πείθω, 3982), “to persuade, to win over,” in the passive and middle voices, “to be persuaded, to listen to, to obey,” ...
- “*Peitho* and *pisteuo*, ‘to trust,’ are closely related etymologically; the difference in meaning is that the former implies the obedience that is produced by the latter, cf. **Heb. 3:18-19**, where the disobedience of the Israelites is said to be the evidence of their unbelief Faith is of the heart, invisible to men; obedience is of the conduct and may be observed. When a man obeys God he gives the only possible evidence that in his heart he believes God. Of course it is persuasion of the truth that results in faith ..., but *peitho*, in NT suggests an actual and outward result of the inward persuasion and consequent faith.” (Vine’s)
- Examples ~ **Rom. 2:8; Gal. 5:7; Heb. 13:17; Jas. 3:3.**
- Example when Apostles would not submit ~ **Acts 4:18-20**

What does it mean to Submit?

- *Verb - hupotasso* , primarily a military term, “to rank under” (*hupo*, “under,” *tasso*, “to arrange”), denotes (a) [in the active voice] “to put in subjection, to subject,” (b) in the middle or passive voice, to subject oneself, to obey, be subject to, (Vines)
- When someone puts another in subjection it can be done with or against their will. In the NT I only find this used of God.
 - Examples ~ **Rom 8:20; 1Cor 15:27,28; Phil 3:21**
- To subject yourself cannot be against your will but rather a decision of your will to follow the authority of another.
 - Examples ~ **Luke 2:51; Rom 13:1-7; 1Cor 15:28; Titus 3:1; 1Pet 2:13-16**
- An example when Paul would not submit: Gal 2:1-5