

Principles Of Prayer

Put some P.O.P. into your Christian walk.

"My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." Matthew 26:39

"The Prayer of Submission" – (Eighth in the series)

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was struggling. He knew exactly what was about to happen to him and, as a man, he was tempted to try to get out of it. He asked the Father, "Is there any other way?", but knew there wasn't and Jesus submitted. What if Jesus had quit when the going got tough? Who would that have affected? Who will it affect if you quit? Your request for a transfer to an easier place will be denied and you'll have to either submit or go AWOL.

Submission is not easy. Anyone who says it's easy doesn't know what submission is. If you agree with someone who's asking you to do something, you're not submitting. You submit only when you DON'T agree but still comply. God won't force you to submit. ***"Submit YOURSELVES therefore unto God..." James 4:7.*** We have to choose to submit ourselves.

Sometimes, in prayer, we have to "go it alone" too. Jesus prayed three times in the garden and couldn't get His guys to stay awake for even an hour, ***Matthew 26:40***. It's hard but the reward is worth it. Again, think who's watching and depending on you to make it through. When God tells us to do something, it's not a multiple choice thing. It's either YES or NO. Either we'll submit or we won't. ***"During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. Hebrews 5:7-9"***. Jesus was hurting, He submitted, learned obedience, and was made perfect, all for us.

But what if those over us are mean and harsh to us? We don't have to submit then do we? Well...when Sarai was mean to Hagar, (***Genesis 16:6***), she fled but an angel told her, "Go back and submit because there are great things planned for you and your son." (***Paraphrased, Verse 9-10***). Pray the prayer of submission and be seen favorably in God's sight. ***"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. For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. ...But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:17-20"***.