

Losing to Win

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Renewed Faith: Surrender / Surrender (Warfare); Submission; Self-Denial / Matthew 16:24-26

Central Idea/ Thesis: We must surrender something in this world in order to gain the world to come.



Matthew 16:24-26 ESV

²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?”

Self-Denial, Losing to Win

Moses is a good example of self-denial

Hebrews 11:25 ESV

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²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

Esther 4:14 ESV

For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Submission, Losing to Win

God requires submission from all people

Job 22:21 ESV

²¹ "Agree with God, and be at peace;

thereby good will come to you.

1 Peter 5:6 ESV

⁶ Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you,

God requires submission from Christians especially

[Matthew 6:9-10](#) (ESV)

Hebrews 12:9 ESV

⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live?

James 4:7 ESV

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Jesus was submissive to the Father

Luke 22:42 ESV

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⁴² saying, “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.”

Dictionary of Bible Themes submission

The submissive spirit required in the church

[In believers' relationships with one another](#) Eph 5:21 See also Php 2:5-7

[To Jesus Christ](#) Eph 5:24 See also Eph 1:22-23; Col 1:18 [As the body is subject to the head, so the church is subject to Christ.](#)

[To the Scriptures](#) Jos 1:7-8 See also Ps 119:133; Col 3:15; Jas 1:22-25; Rev 22:18-19

[To church leaders](#) Heb 13:17 See also Ro 13:1; 1Co 16:15-16; 1Th 5:12-13

[In prophecy](#) 1Co 14:32 [The implication is that individual prophecies must be submitted to the overall judgment of the church.](#)

[The submission of all to civil government](#)

Ro 13:1 See also Mt 22:21 pp Mk 12:17 pp Lk 20:25; Ro 13:2-7; Tit 3:1; 1Pe 2:13-14

Submission within other relationships

[Of wives to husbands](#) Eph 5:22-24 See also Col 3:18; Tit 2:4-5; 1Pe 3:1,5-6

[Of children to parents](#) Eph 6:1-3 See also Ex 20:12; Gal 4:2; Col 3:20

[Of slaves to masters](#) Eph 6:5-8 See also Col 3:22-24; Tit 2:9-10; 1Pe 2:18

[Of young to old](#) 1Pe 5:5 See also Lev 19:32

[Reciprocal attitudes are commended to safeguard against abuse](#) Eph 5:25-33; 6:4,9; 1Ti 2:1-2; 1Pe 5:1-4 [Those in authority have a responsibility to set an example.](#)

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The Cross of Obedience

Deuteronomy 26:16 ESV

¹⁶ “This day the LORD your God commands you to do these statutes and rules. You shall therefore be careful to do them with all your heart and with all your soul.

Matthew 26:39 ESV

³⁹ And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.”

John 14:15 ESV

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

Acts 5:29 ESV

²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

Philippians 2:8 ESV

⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear
Romans 10:17

Believe
John 8:24

Repent
2 Peter 3:9

Confess
Romans 10:9

Be Baptized
Acts 2:38

Remain Faithful
Revelation 2:10