

# Submission to the Lord

## **Biblical Exhortations**

- (1 Corinthians 11:1) –
- (1 John 2:3-6) –
- (John 14:23-24) -

## **The Example of Jesus**

- (John 6:38) –

**Ultimately, at its core, sin is a heart issue whereby we choose to do what we want, as opposed to what the Lord wants. Until we repent of this heart attitude and purpose to do His will over our own by the Spirit's strengthening, lasting change will not occur. The Scripture also warns against the consequences of on-going, willful rebellion against God and His will:**

- (Proverbs 28:14) –
- (Proverbs 29:1) –

**Through His Word, God also speaks of the blessings of submission to Him:**

- (Psalm 1:1-3) –
- (James 1:25) –
- (Psalm 128:1-4) –

# Homework

- I. Read (Genesis 4:3-9). Some background is helpful in order to understand this story. Though it is not stated in this account, God had evidently made it clear to mankind that animal offerings were what was acceptable in His sight. Both Cain and Abel knew this.
  - A. What was the difference between Cain and Abel's offerings?
  - B. What do these differences tell you about Cain and Abel's heart conditions?
  - C. Look at (v. 5). What does it mean when this verse states that Cain's "...countenance fell..." (NASB)? What does Cain's response to God reveal about his heart?
  - D. What does God advise Cain to do and what does God tell Cain the result will be?
  - E. What was Cain's response? What were the results of that response?
  - F. In what ways is your response to God's will like Cain's? Like Abel's? Talk to the Lord about this, confessing any heart attitudes of rebellion, and asking Him for grace to make any changes that He reveals need to be made.