

YEILD OR RESIST

The Yielded Life

I. You can yield to God or you can resist Him

A. James 4:7-Submit yourself unto God

1. Submit-Yield, give up resistance, yield to will or authority of another, be under/subject; *AM-Submit to the authority of God; NOG-Place yourself under God's authority; ASV-Be subject therefore unto God; BBE-Be ruled by God*
 - a. Yield-To comply with, to give way, not to oppose, to give place as inferior in rank
2. Why would have to tell Christians to submit to God? Aren't all Christians submitted to God?
 - a. Luke 6:46-They call Him Lord, but they're not doing (yielding) to what He says
 - b. This is not automatic – Just because you're a Christian doesn't mean you're automatically submitted
 - c. Let's not assume that you're completely developed in this and yielding all the time the way you should
3. Romans 6:13-Yield yourselves unto God
4. *Lk9:35-AM-There came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, My My beloved; listen to and yield to and obey Him.*

B. Acts 7:51-The opposite of yielding is resisting

1. You can resist God (Resist-Oppose, run against, the quality of not yielding; *Adverse*-acting in a contrary direction)
 - a. Stiffnecked-Stubborn, headstrong, obstinate (not yielding) – This is an unwillingness to yield
 - b. *ER-Always against what the Holy Spirit wants you to do; GW-Always opposed; WY-You withstand; BE-Ever working against*
2. You can be a Christian and just live in a constant state of resistance
 - a. God says go but you don't, he says don't say it but you do, God says you're healed you believe the symptoms, God says you have the victory you discouraged about the circumstances, He says you're forgiven you yield to the guilt, He says you have joy and you act depressed, He says you have peace and you talk your worries
 - b. You're not under, you're not subject to, you're not yielding – You're doing what you want and resisting
 - c. The harsh truth is this most Christians live most of their lives in this state of resistance

C. Jesus lived completely yielding to the Father

1. *Jn5:19-I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judged and my judgment is just because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which sent me; Jn12:49-I've not spoken of myself but the Father which sent me he gave me a commandment, what I should say*
2. Luke 4:16-He yielded to the Word of God – I am who the Father says I am

II. Cultivate a lifestyle of yielding – Practice saying yes to the Lord all the time

A. Mt15:21-When God speaks it ain't time to be a talking about your feelings or circumstances, it's time to be a yielding

1. She's upset, her daughter has a devil, she comes to him, he didn't respond to her; The Jesus you think you know, maybe you don't know as well as you think; He's led by the Spirit, not governed by the emotions or needs of people
2. She asked him for help Jesus called her a dog and she basically said, "Ruff, ruff." (Truth-Yes); There was no offense, resisting, rejecting, no feelings just yielding
3. What made her faith so great was her readiness and quickness in yielding
4. The key to her miracle is found in her yielding; Many would have got mad, upset, hurt and missed their miracle

B. John 2:5-Whatever he says to you yield and don't resist (Do-Yield)

1. Don't think about it, don't procrastinate, don't ask your feelings but YIELD
2. The readiness to yield positions you for miracles

C. Matthew 8:9-There should not be a stich of resisting, just yielding

1. This is perfect picture of yielding; It's a giving way to, complying with, not opposing, as inferior in rank
2. What if He says you have joy? Or your healed? Then you comply with it – Sir yes sir I have joy
3. The greatest of his faith was determined by the readiness/quickness to yield – You say He's healed and that's it he is

D. John 6:53-Your can yield when you don't understand – Shut up and yield

1. He preached the eat my flesh and drink my blood message and many of his disciples heard it, were offended and left him – Because they didn't understand they resisted
2. What they should have said is Jesus break me off one of those fingers and hit me with a shot of that blood; If they would have yielded they would have got the understanding
3. He asked the 12 if they would leave too and Peter said we don't understand, but we are a yielding

E. Acts 20:24-When the Holy Spirit leads you to do something you need to be a yielding

1. The Holy Spirit isn't forcing him to go, if he did that would be yielding
2. Knowing affliction awaited Him, He was a yielding and said none of these things move me
3. Acts 21:10-14-AMP-They tried to persuade him not to God and he would not yield

F. You need to yield to 1) His spirit (Acts 7:51), 2) His Word, 3) His ones over you-Heb13:17,Acts7:39

1. If God deals with you by His Spirit to say something, do something, sowing something you should yield, yield, yield
2. Talking your feelings and what you see is resisting what He says and that's not yielding
3. In resisting Moses they were resisting the one who sent Moses-Acts 7:39

G. Is this how Christians most live? Do most Christians live a yielding life? Could you live a more yielding life?

1. *Submit yourself*-This is something that you choose to do, not something that God does for you or forces you to do
2. It's a decision that I'm not going to resist God, I'm not going to resist what He says, but rather I'm going to yield; I'm going to yield to the leading of His spirit, to His Word, to those He's put over me – I'm going to live a yielding life

H. The end of this is the devil fleeing, but many don't do step one and so they have a lot of problems with the devil

1. It's no wonder so many Christians are having so many problems in their life