

**Expressions of Christ's Character**  
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To live like Christ is to express his character in all our relationships

- The definition of “submit” and “love” are found in the life of Christ
- Christ's submission:
  - Was to God (1 Cor. 11:3)
  - Did not mean he was “lesser” than God (John 1:1)
  - Was voluntary – willing submission (Matt 26:39)
  - Was for the glory of God (John 13:31)
- Christ's love
  - Gave himself for her (Eph 5:25)
  - Emptied himself (Phil 2:7)
  - Humbled himself, gave his life (Phil 2:8)
- Obedience to authority
  - What would your work ethic be if Jesus was your supervisor?
  - People-pleasers seek their own glory, not God's
  - “So that God's name will not be spoken against” (1 Tim 6:1)
- Proper use of authority
  - Injustice and partiality are not expressions of Christ's character
  - You too have a Master in heaven
- Parents
  - Bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord (Eph 6:4)

“Followers of Jesus should regard one another's identity in the Messiah as more fundamental than our societal status and therefore treat one another with dignity, equality, and love.”