# The Discipline of Submission

The discipline of submission is very important but also needs to be understood in the right way. The way Foster explained it on the first part through the “back-door” makes it sound like submission is the same thing as “pushover”. This is not the case and should never be, being submissive to someone is Biblical and can only bring life and good things. Being a pushover is the opposite, I believe the difference is discretion, discretion on deciding is what I am debating or talking about of the World or of God. When it comes to the Word of God you should never be a pushover, when it comes to the world it depends. Often you can be submissive without being a pushover in the world by hearing the other person, finding their side, and deciding if it is worth the fight.

Whenever it comes to sin you should never be submissive or pushover, rather take a firm stance and relying on God to help you through that time. In my experience in the church and different ministries, you will always have the pushover leader, the decisive yet submissive leader, and finally the leader that won’t hear anyone and his way or the highway. The pushover leader often has people asking things from them, they are usually extremely stressed and being used by multiple people. The leader that won’t hear anyone and very decisive, rarely has anyone asking them for help, they often stay in their office and hard to work with/for.

The submissive leader is usually most people friend, they often last the longest in ministry because they are not stressed about the super little things. These are leaders I like to surround myself with, ones that have authority yet hear my requests and needs. They give me an answer usually with explanation that often makes sense.

In conclusion, the leader that has “mastered” the discipline of submission is often filled with wisdom and guided by God, getting things done efficiently while building a fantastic community.

Thanks!  
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