

“How to Bloom Where You Are Planted”...as a daughter  
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(about Mrs. Humble—13 years ago, she went soul winning with me, led someone to the Lord, huge encouragement to me as a teenager and to our family)

I am a daddy’s girl. I have always been a daddy’s girl. When I came back from college I had to purposely make a decision to stay a daddy’s girl as an adult until I get married someday.

I Corinthians 11:3 – ***“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”***

**Every daughter has an authority over her:**

Young girl – dad  
Teenage girl – dad  
Single girl – dad  
Married girl – husband

Any girl that does not have a dad or a husband – Pastor

I realize that some girls may not have a dad or a husband, but God gives us a pastor. These principles still apply when submitting under our pastor’s authority.

God designed it that way to give us someone we can submit to down here on earth. God created us girls to be under our authority or our head. I believe a girl cannot be right with God if she is not submitted under her head. One of the most important things I learned in my own life is that my walk with God could not be where it is supposed to be without my being submitted under my authority who (at this time in my life) is my dad.

**Benefits of submitting under my authority:**

1. Security
2. Confidence
3. Assurance
4. Safety
5. Needs provided for
6. Trustful spirit
7. Joyful spirit
8. Free spirit
9. No worries
10. Godly counsel in making my decisions

**Why I choose to be submitted under my authority:**

1. God designed it to be that way. I Corinthians 11:3 *“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”*

- a. Jesus set the example and went under His authority.

Matthew 26:39 “...O my father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.”

Hebrews 5:8 “Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;”

I Cor 15:28 “And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.”

- b. There is no shame or dishonour to be under my authority.
2. Keeps me safe.
3. God wants me to be under my line of authority.

Hebrews 13:7, 17 “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end or their conversation. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”
4. Helps me have a close and right walk with God.
5. Allows me the freedom to enjoy life still without the heartache of heavy responsibility.
6. Prepares me for the man I am going to marry someday.
7. Allows me to be a lady with a gentleman looking out for my welfare.
8. Takes frustration and discontentment out of my life.

### **How to keep yourself under your authority:**

1. Allow my leader to be my leader.
2. Appreciate the position and the authority God has given him.
3. Respect him in word, actions, mannerisms, and demeanor.
4. Serve him.
5. Go to him for counsel (big decisions and little decisions).
6. DON'T criticize him, belittle him, mock him, laugh at him, or be sarcastic toward him.
7. Realize that I need him.
8. Respect the position of all men.
9. Give him veto power.

### **Benefits:**

People have said that I am spoiled, but I have always told them that I work hard to be spoiled. The world teaches that daughters should be independent and self-reliant, but that is not the way God designed it to be. God's way is always the best way. God created us to need Him and to follow His leadership, and He has provided someone down here on earth to help us do that. I enjoy being a daughter. I think that when we stay under the authority God has designed for us, we are so spoiled. The only time I get frustrated and angry is when I forget what my position is and step out of my bounds and temporarily forget to stay “Daddy's Girl” and, in so doing, break my right relationship with God.

**It's there...all there...a marvelous world of love, trust, usefulness, satisfaction, and fulfillment...all waiting for you to claim...through the simple act of submission.**

Only when a daughter submits to God by submitting to her head (authority) will she ever learn to be content. A daughter can only be truly contented when she allows Jesus Christ to become her everything—her complete source of security, identity, and confidence.

*“Lord, I give up all my own plans and purposes, all my own desires and hopes, and accept Thy will for my life. I give myself, my life, my all utterly to Thee to be Thine forever. Fill me and seal me with Thy Holy Spirit. Use me as Thou wilt, send me where Thou wilt, work out Thy whole will in my life at any cost, now and forever.”*

Elizabeth Elliot (Betty Scott Stam)

***A daughter with an independent attitude wanting to control her own life will never get to the point where she can surrender all to God. And a daughter with an independent attitude wanting to control her own life will never surrender all to God unless she can learn to be dependent under her authority or her head where God has her right now.***