



Trait 20: Disrupting Worship

Day 1

Read **1 Cor. 14:33**

Read **James 3:13-18**. In other words, if a meeting (church meeting/ worship service) is the scene of chaos and disorder, then you can be sure that the Spirit of God is not the spirit in control there.

What does envy and self-seeking have to do with interrupting worship? Are these not internal sins?

Read **Romans 15:5, 6** and **1 Peter 3:8**

When believers come together, the above verses tell us we should be of the _____
_____.

If you have envy towards one another or you are selfish (self-seeking/ looking to your own interests), are you of the same mind? _____ Are you as the body of Christ unified? _____

Read **1 Timothy 2:9-10**

Another way disharmony in a worship service can creep in is dress. God's word teaches that we should dress modestly. The thought is that we should not bring undue attention to ourselves.

What might be some ways that someone could over-dress to draw attention?

What might be some ways that someone could under-dress to draw attention?

Given the number of single men in the church and realizing the struggle they face, what is a way that ladies could keep this in mind when choosing what to wear?

Day 2

Today we are going to break away for a moment and look at an overview of God's Divine Order in all things pertaining to life.

Read **Philippians 2:5-11**

Christ came showing us an example of how God's Divine Order is to be followed. Jesus, who was in every way equal to God the Father, humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. The Holy Spirit is obedient to Jesus, constantly pointing to Him and leading to Him. So if there is order within the Trinity, (as a follow up to the first verse read 1 Corinthians 11:3) there must be order within all aspects of His Creation.

List some things of "order" in God's creation you see every day.

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)
- 5)

What would happen if all rules and laws were removed in America?

What would it be like to live in that system?

The same occurs when God's divine order is ignored.

Read **Ephesians 5:22-6:9**. The chart below outlines God's divine order as stated by Paul.

Trinity	Church	Marriage	Work place
1. Father, head of	1. Christ, head of	1. Jesus: Head of	1. Jesus
2. Christ, Christ head of	2. Church	2. Man, Man head of	2. Masters (employers)
3. Holy Spirit		3. Wife, man and wife head of	3. Bondservants (employee)
		4. Children	

What does it mean to be under the "headship" of someone?

What does it mean to submit?

Day 3

Strong explains that to **submit** (Greek: *hypotasso*) is to arrange under, to subordinate, to subject oneself, obey, to submit to one's control, to yield to one's admonition or advice.

What are your thoughts about this definition?

Whether you are a husband and wife, employer and employee, a son or daughter, Christ's example of submission to God the Father is the best example to follow. Today's culture teaches the opposite. However, God's Word is of higher authority than the thoughts of this world. When someone steps out of God's Divine order of things, chaos and confusion follows. Evidence is seen among marriages in high divorce rates; in schools there are more killings than ever before in our nation's history; within the family settings you have all kinds of dysfunction: teen drug addictions, pregnancies, suicides, and abuse of all sorts. These are just a few examples of the result of stepping outside God's Divine order of things.

Can you think of some more examples?

Read **Matthew 26:39-46**;

How does this passage on submission speak to you and your life as a husband, wife, child, employer, employee, or Christian?

Do you consider submission being equivalent to weak? _____ Why, or why not?

Do you submit to your Lord, your employer, your husband, or your parents as unto the Lord?

If you struggle in this area, what do you feel that it stems from (this is a great place for deep reflection and being honest with yourself)?

Day 4

So far we have seen how Divine Order and Worship go hand and hand. We have to live within this Divine order to properly worship God with our lives. This goes for all aspects of our life. We have taken a look at how Christ is our perfect example of "Divine submission". Submission, is not weakness, actually it is a Spiritual strength.

I mentioned the other day how chaos and confusion follow stepping out of God's Divine order. I even gave some examples. Take a moment today and see if you can list some examples of how our present culture has stepped outside of God's Divine order, and list some consequences as a result?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Now list some ways worship can be interrupted?

- 1)
- 2)
- 3)
- 4)

Define: Worship (feel free to use a dictionary)

Read **Romans 12:1-2, and Ephesians 4:15-32**

If your definition of worship is going to church and praising God you are partially right. If you listed some ways a worship service can be interrupted you are partially right in that answer as well.

After reading the above verses, answer the above 2 questions again?

Day 5

Read **Ephesian 4:15-6:9**

So this question remains: can you truly worship God, if you are not walking within God's Divine order? His Divine order can be summed up by walking in love toward one another. True worship is putting off the old self and putting on "Christ" (the new man) and growing in love toward one another until we come into unity of being "like minded" in Christ. Paul said, "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, **when each part is working properly**, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Ephesians 4:15, 16 ESV).

What do think Paul meant when he said, "When each part is working properly" (remember to consider the context of the passage)?

What is meant by "makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love"?

Employee, are you working as unto the Lord?

Husband, are you Loving your wife as Christ loved the church?

Wife are you submitting to your husband?

Children, are you submitting to your parents?

As a Christian, are you submitting to the Lord?

As far as the actual worship service is concerned, dress appropriately. If you have something against a brother or sister in Christ, fix it. Always be respectful to others.

Can you list some ways the modern church has stunted the growth (interrupted worship) of the "body of Christ"? If so, how can we as the "body" fix this problem? Look at some of the traditions of the modern era church and see if you can see any contradictions when comparing to scripture?

Ultimately the concern is finding anything in our lives that is hindering our growth as a local "body" of believers and or world-wide "body." True worship is growing in our personal lives and as a body into the head- Christ.