1. **Surrender:** a) the action of yielding one's person or giving up the possession of something especially into the power of another; b) to yield to the power, control, or possession of another upon compulsion or demand; c) to give (oneself) up into the power of another; d) the relinquishment by a patentee of rights or claims under a patent; and e) the delivery of a fugitive from justice by one government to another
   1. **Synonyms for surrender:** capitulate, give in, yield, concede, relent, succumb, acquiesce, back down, submit.
   2. **Antonyms for surrender:** defy, counter, withstand, object, oppose, repel, thwart, battle, fight, hold off, resist.
2. SURRENDER implies a giving up after a struggle to retain or resist.[[1]](#footnote-1)
3. **Submit:** a) to yield to governance or authority; b) to present or propose to another for review, consideration, or decision; c) to yield oneself to the authority or will of another : SURRENDER; and d) to defer to or consent to abide by the opinion or authority of another
   1. **Synonyms for submit:** bow, cave in, give in, succumb, surrender, yield.
   2. **Antonyms for submit:** bridle,check, constrain, curb, stifle, inhibit, resist.
4. **SUBMIT** suggests full surrendering after resistance or conflict to the will or control of another.[[2]](#footnote-2)

**Scripture References:**

1. “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you” **(Exodus 20:12).**
2. “Now do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers *were, but* yield yourselves to the Lord; and enter His sanctuary, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the Lord your God, that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and your children *will be treated* with compassion by those who lead them captive, so that they may come back to this land; for the Lord your God *is* gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face from you if you return to Him” **(2 Chronicles 30:8-9).**
3. “Now yield *and* submit yourself to Him [agree with God and be conformed to His will] and be at peace; In this way [you will prosper and great] good will come to you” **(Job 22:21, AMP).**
4. “Worship the Lord *and* serve Him with reverence [with awe-inspired fear and submissive wonder]; Rejoice [yet do so] with trembling” **(Psalm 2:11, AMP).**
5. “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” **(Proverbs 3:5-6, NIV).**
6. “He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it” **(Matthew 10:39; Matthew 16:25; Mark 8:35; Luke 9:24).**
7. **“**Then Jesus answered and said to them, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel” (John 5:19-20)
8. **In all the gospels we hear Jesus pray, Not my will but Yours be done”**
9. “He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life” **(John 12:25).**
10. “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).
11. “I beseechyou therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service” **(Romans 12:1).**
12. **Read Ephesians 5 and 6; 1 Peter 2 and 3; and Colossians 3)**
13. **Take time to review the “Surrender and Submission Exercise” link. This is an excerpt from my teaching series “Walk It Out” and will help you make adjustments in your thought life which will lead to practical changes in application of the Word.**

**Important Points:**

* Highlighted text is core text and starting point for every believer
* This is by no means an exhaustive list of Scriptures on submission and surrender
* Please see this as a springboard from which to launch your own study of the Word
* All Scripture is taken from NKJV unless otherwise noted

1. *Merriam-Webster.com Thesaurus*, s.v. “surrender,” accessed April 7, 2020, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/surrender>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. *Merriam-Webster.com Thesaurus*, s.v. “submit,” accessed April 7, 2020, <https://www.merriam-webster.com/thesaurus/submit>. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)