



TALK IT OVER

First in Relationships

BOTTOM LINE

The number-one attribute in any Christ-first relationship is mutual submission.

CONVERSATION STARTER

Have you ever had a celebrity encounter? If so, with whom and what happened? If not, who is a celebrity you'd like to meet?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily: [newpointe.org/daily](https://www.newpointe.org/daily)
- [Mutual Submission](#) by Andy Stanley (5 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Colossians 3:17 NIV

Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Make allowance for each other's faults and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony. And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.
Colossians 3:12-16 NLT

"When we make Jesus first, He becomes the filter for how we make decisions and live in every area of life." – Dave VanDonge

"For satisfaction in relationships, focus on the good that IS instead of what ISN'T." – Dave VanDonge

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What does it mean that when you decide what is first, it doesn't make life easier, but it makes it simpler? Jesus First doesn't give us a list of what to DO in relationships, but who to BE. Discuss. Which of the 10 qualities of Christ-first relationships spoke to you most? Why? How would you explain the way to "clothe yourself" with these essential qualities? Mutual submission is only truly understood if we take each word seriously. In that light, define mutual submission. How does mutual submission "grease the gears" of relationships? What one relationship needs the most attention right now? What one quality would make a difference? If mutual submission characterized relationships generally, how might our environments change?

ACTION STEPS (This or one of your own)

I will put Jesus at the core of my relationships. This week I will specifically clothe myself in _____ in my relationship with _____.
I will daily choose mutual submission in my relationships, God helping me.

My Action Step: _____
