

Go ahead and write a few key words over your name on the diagram representing some of your present challenges.

Both God and your adversary, Satan, have very distinctive wills concerning what you should do in those situations and where you should stand. (See 2 Tim. 2:26 for a reference to the Devil's will.) You and I have one of two directions we can move. The question? Do we submit to God and draw near to Him because He's the less toxic of the two tyrants? Why can't we just be independent?

What light does Matthew 16:23 shed on Satan's schemes to frustrate our walk with Christ?

*Come to (you)
their senses and
escape the
trap of the
adversary,
after having
been captured
alive by him
to do his
will.*

Satan doesn't have to convince you and me to do his will for our life. He only has to tempt us to demand our own. God has something bigger for each of us than our human minds can hug. Something eternal. Something that will still matter when our bones have turned to heaps of dust.

- God knows everything about you and every matter concerning you. Nothing is hidden from His sight. So submit to God.
- He is always looking out for your ultimate good and takes your hurts personally. So submit to God.
- He is holy and worthy and incapable of abusing His divine authority over you. So submit to God.
- He knows when your motive was right but your mouth messed up. So submit to God.
- He knows exactly how to work terrible into good. So submit to God.
- He loves you completely and unconditionally and will never let you go. So submit to God.
- He knows the well-deliberated plan for your life and how all things must fall into place for you to fulfill your destiny. So submit to God.
- He will never put to shame those who trust in Him. So submit to God.

The Devil is trying to steal from you and destroy you and make it look like it was all your idea. So, Girlfriend, submit to God.

Which "submit to God" encouragement most spoke to you?
Why? I'd love to hear the girls camp out on this one.