

Ephesians

Ephesians 5:21-24

We're called to a life that is:

- worthy,
- different,
- godly,
- radiant,
- wise, and
- submitted.

The submitted life

We're called to submit to one another.

- Ephesians 5:21
- When we submit to others, we serve them and are subject to them out of obedience to Christ. (How does Jesus love and relate to them?)
 - Philippians 2:3-4

Biblical submission: ie. Mary and Joseph

- has nothing to do with the value, quality, or importance of the person to God.
- involves coming under order/alignment with the authority of GOD.
- is a choice.
- doesn't contradict God's instruction.
 - Acts 4:19 God's authority comes first in your life
- is evidence of the Spirit-filled life.
- requires us to die to self.
 - Luke 9:23 Die daily. Take up your C_____ and follow Me.

Jesus is the ultimate example of biblical submission.

- John 13:15-16 What were Jesus's words in the garden?

Biblical submission is following an order of authority established by God.

There are 2 sides to the coin. In Christian marriage I can submit because God and I choose a man who would: _____

Submission in marriage

Wives are called by God to submit to **their husbands.**

- Ephesians 5:22
- All people are equal in God's eyes but may have different roles.
 - Galatians 3:28 Jesus raised up women, kids, slaves Etc.
- God never intended submission to justify abuse or selfishness.
- Biblical submission in marriage is ultimately submission to God.

Jesus is the role model for the husband as the head of the wife.

- Ephesians 5:23
- As the head of the wife, the husband is "die-to-self" _____.
 - Philippians 2:7-8 Even death on a cross
- The husband answers to God as the head of the wife.
 - 1 Corinthians 11:3 Don't marry a man who won't lay down his life for you and your kids.

The role model for the wife in submission is **the church.**

- Ephesians 5:24
- A Christian marriage is a witness to the world. **How he cares for you and how you serve and adapt to him ie laundry, dishes etc.**
- Submission doesn't require blind obedience and it doesn't excuse a wife's sin.
- The husband's headship doesn't replace Jesus' lordship.
- Biblical submission is a witness to an unbelieving husband.
 - 1 Peter 3:1-2
- Biblical submission is an act of trust and Faith.

Action Steps

- Align yourself with God's intention for submission in your relationships.

- If you're married, have an honest discussion with your spouse about submission in your marriage. Ask for forgiveness where it's needed. In the area of sex, money parenting:_____

Pray for your husband daily and your kids future spouses.

When you have a decision to make pray about it together and separately. Ask what does the Word have to say about this and do it.

If he doesn't listen to the Word:

State your thoughts respectfully, pray for and with him for direction. Ultimately your husband is responsible for the family's obedience. You be obedient to the Word , duck down on your knees and pray and let God deal with your husband.

For singles this works even better because Jesus is your Husband and He always gets it right. He is ever interceding for you the Will of God. Just join Him!

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Ephesians 5:21-28 AMPC

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

22 Wives, be subject (be submissive and adapt yourselves) to your own husbands as [a service] to the Lord.

23 For the husband is head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church, Himself the Savior of [His] body.

24 As the church is subject to Christ, so let wives also be subject in everything to their husbands.