

Ephesians

Ephesians 5:25-33

The submitted life

We're all called to submit to one another as part of the Spirit-filled life.

- Ephesians 5:21
- READ 21-33

REVIEW :Biblical submission:

- has nothing to do with the value, quality, or importance of the person to God.
- involves coming under authority established by God.

God's plan for marriage is that the wife submits to her own husband.

- Ephesians 5:22

The loving husband

A godly husband:

- loves his wife like Christ loves the church.
 - Mark 10:45
 - Ephesians 5:25-27
- gives his wife security in knowing that he loves her alone.
- helps his wife grow spiritually through his spiritual leadership
 - by consistently making spiritual matters a priority.
 - by praying with his wife.
 - by reading the Bible with his wife.
 - **IF you are single or married do this with your husband Jesus no matter what. Don't try to get from a man or women what you are designed to get from Jesus daily**

A godly husband:

- loves his wife like he loves his own body.
 - Ephesians 5:28-30
- nourishes, protects, and cherishes his wife.
- **nourishes his wife so she will flourish.**

- If your husband is not doing this you must to do self-care either way. God calls us to take care of our temple (our bodies to be able to serve Him)
 - List your self-care with areas you need to improve:
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- knows his wife. As a wife you have to know your husband also to adapt to his needs.

- 1 Peter 3: 1-8 What areas do you need to work on?
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The respectful wife

A godly wife respects her husband.

- Ephesians 5:33

A respectful wife notices, regards, honors, prefers, venerates, and esteems her husband. She defers to him, praises, loves, and admires her husband.

Husbands and wives are to love and respect each other.

- 1 Peter 3:7a
- Titus 2:4

There are no conditions for a wife to respect her husband or for a husband to love his wife. WHAT does this mean? What if he doesn't do it before marriage?

What if he doesn't do it after marriage?

- Ephesians 5:31-33 Leave and cleave

God's purpose for marriage

A husband and wife are joined together as one flesh in marriage.

- Ephesians 5:31

A godly marriage is a mystery and a miracle revealing Jesus' love for the church.

- Ephesians 5:32 Godly marriage should be committed to church, reflect the church and support the church

Action Steps

- If you're married, have an honest discussion with your spouse about your marriage and its alignment with God's design love, submission and respect. Ask for help where it's needed.
- Be sure and make time for date night
- Encourage and help a younger married couple.

Ephesians 5:22

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Ephesians 5:25-33 AMPC

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, So that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, That He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]. Even so husbands should love their wives as [being in a sense] their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and carefully protects and cherishes it, as Christ does the church, Because we are members (parts) of His body. For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. [Gen. 2:24.] This mystery is very great, but I speak concerning [the relation of] Christ and the church. However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

I Pet. 3:1-8

3 In like manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands [subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and **adapt yourselves to them**], so that even if any do not obey the Word [of God], they may be won over not by discussion but by the [godly] lives of their wives,

2 When they observe the pure *and* modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your ^[a]reverence [for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him—to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband].

3 Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] ^[b]interweaving *and* knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes;

4 But let it be the inward adorning *and* beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *and* unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For it was thus that the pious women of old who hoped in God were [accustomed] to beautify themselves and were submissive to their husbands [adapting themselves to them as themselves secondary and dependent upon them].

6 It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].

Isaiah 54:5-8

For your Maker is your Husband—the Lord of hosts is His name—and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; the God of the whole earth He is called.

⁶ For the Lord has called you like a woman forsaken, grieved in spirit, *and* heartsore—even a wife [wooed and won] in youth, when she is [later] refused *and* scorned, says your God.

⁷ For a brief moment I forsook you, but with great compassion *and* mercy I will gather you [to Me] again.

⁸ In a little burst of wrath I hid My face from you for a moment, but with age-enduring love *and* kindness I will have compassion *and* mercy on you, says the Lord, your Redeemer.

Eph.5 :25 Christ is the perfect example of our husband all the time

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