

Series: Biblical Relationships

WEEK 6

E – The Biblical Responsibilities of a Wife

1. She is to **SUBMIT** to her husband – *Eph 5:22; Col 3:18; 1 Pet 3:1,6; Tit 2:5*

The husband was given by God to serve in the role of headship, the women is commissioned by God to submit – this breaks down into 4 basic ways:

AS unto the **LORD** – *Eph 5:22*

- The type of submission that evidences that she belongs to Jesus Christ!

AS the **CHURCH** does to Christ – *Eph 5:24*

- The whole Bible is the instruction manual for this

AS it is **FIT** in the Lord – *Col 3:18*

- Not in anything that would NOT be fitting to the Lord (beating, abuse, sexual, etc.)

AS SARAH – *1 Pet 3:1, 6*

- Although she makes mistakes, she did understand that Abraham was her leader

2. She is to **LOVE** her husband – *Titus 2:4*

- To know exactly what her husband needs and wants
- To love him how he is made (5 love languages – Gary Chapman)
- To where you know so how to love him that you are able to “teach” younger women to do the same
 - He is your best friend – and others would say the same
 - Pray for him
 - Support him
 - Never, never, never speak critically about him to others!
 - Prepare and keep yourself for him (and kids)

3. She to **REVERENCE** her husband – *Eph 5:33*

- 13 times in the Bible – Lev 19:30; 26:2; 2 Sam 9:6; 1 King 1:31; Esther 3:2,5; Ps 89:7; Mt 21:37; Mk 12:6; Lk 20:13; Heb 12:9, 28
- Treat your husband like you would treat Christ
- Your attitude and your actions should demonstrate respect for him!

4. She is to **HELP** her husband – *Gen 2:18*

- See your husband as the head
- The Lord is working THROUGH him (authority structure) to accomplish something
- KNOW WHAT IT IS!!!
- Do not assume it!!!
- Do what you should **to help him!** -- Col 3:18
- EXAMPLE – testimony of missionary from KCBT
 - When God called him to the field...
 - When God called his wife to the field – the same field – she had photographs of that day!!

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Why Subjection? Why Submission?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Ephesians 5:22, 24 – “as”

Submission – vs 22 How do you submit to Christ?

Subjection – vs 24 How are you subject unto Christ?

Examples of the Apostle Paul: Paul is a member of the Church...

*He was not **ASHAMED** of Christ, but was His ambassador – Rpm 1:16-17*

- Do not be ashamed of your husband; you represent him and your family!

*He was **PERSECUTED** by his own people, the Jews – Acts 9:23-24*

- 20th century women of this world will not like you obeying God on these issues!

*He was cast into **PRISON** and the jailer was converted – Acts 16:16-34*

- He took a problem situation and turned it into an opportunity!

*He rightly used **ALL** means necessary to accomplish the mission – Acts 16:35-39*

- Practically, with household good, etc.

He did things he did not have to, out of love for people & God – Acts 18:1,3;1 Cor 4:12;9:1-27

- We work together – Mel and I – Paul loved God – God loves people

HOW DO YOU ACCOMPLISH THESE THINGS? The **LORDSHIP** of Christ in your life!

CHECKPOINT

How are you doing with all this stuff in your life?

Did God speak to you today as we were studying His Word?

Take some time RIGHT NOW to write down **at least 1 SPECIFIC THING** that God has spoken to you about changing in your life to align to His Word.
