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**Teaching Notes:**

**Title: A Spouse's Submission**

**Big Idea: Submission is vital to God's mission in marriage.**

We submit to God about marriage because God created marriage w/ a specific purpose as a picture of Christ & the church.

1 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, **2** when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.

**1. You are a living testimony.**

**3** Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—

Adornment: the Greek word kosmos “an apt & harmonious arrangement or constitution, & order.”

**2. Don't prioritize what is on the outside.**

**4** rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

Proverbs 31:30 says Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

*Gentle: Meekness is the opposite of self-assertiveness and self-interested.*

*Quiet: at peace, settled, & steadfast.*

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband, but she who causes shame *is* like rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 31:11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

Proverbs 7:10 Then out came a woman to meet him, dressed like a prostitute and with crafty intent.

11 She is unruly and defiant, her feet never stay at home;

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

### 3. Give presence & honor.

Leaders who don't listen will eventually be surrounded by people who have nothing to say.

### 4. There is no I in team but there is in win.

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#### **Sermon Recap**

What does it mean to submit in a world that often equates submission with weakness? In this powerful sermon, Pastor Jason explores the profound concept of submission within the framework of marriage, revealing that it's not about relinquishing power, but aligning oneself under God's greater mission. We are reminded that marriage serves a purpose far beyond personal happiness and into the eternal plan of God.

#### **Discussion Questions**

What does it mean for a wife to submit to her husband, and how does this relate to the example set by Christ?

- The message discusses how a wife's submission is similar to Christ's submission to God, emphasizing that it is not about being less valuable or getting run over.
- In what ways can you practice submission in your own relationships while still being true to yourself and your values?

How does the message explain the importance of husbands dwelling with their wives in understanding and honor?

- Pastor Jason talks about how husbands should seek to understand their wives and treat them with value, highlighting the importance of communication and presence in a marriage.
- Reflect on your own relationships. How can you show more understanding and honor to those around you?

Why does the sermon highlight that this message is not just for those who are married but also for those who are single?

- Pastor Jason emphasizes that understanding marriage is beneficial for all of us because it mirrors our relationship with Christ, which applies to everyone.
- If you are single, how can you apply the principles of submission to your relationships with friends or family?

What does 1 Peter 3:1-2 suggest about the impact of a wife's conduct on her husband's faith, especially if he doesn't believe?

- The sermon points out that a wife's pure conduct can be a powerful witness to her husband, showing that actions can speak louder than words.
- Can you think of a time when actions positively influenced your perspective?

How is marriage about more than just personal happiness, but part of God's mission?

- The message stresses that God wants to win people into His kingdom through our marriages, making our relationships a part of His broader mission.
- In your opinion, how can we align our personal goals with God's mission in our own relationships or marriages?

## **Prayer**

- Pray for guidance to submit to God's will in our relationships.
  - Ask God to help us exemplify Christ-like love and humility in our marriages.
  - Seek strength for those who might be struggling with submission or understanding in their relationships.
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## **5 Day Devotional**

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Each day focuses on the important theme of submission in various aspects of our lives, reflecting on God's design for relationships.

### **Day 1**

*1 Peter 3:1-2*

Submission is a profound concept that is vital to our relationships, particularly in marriage. Today, we explore how wives are called to submit to their husbands, reflecting the love and obedience shown by Christ. This submission isn't about losing oneself but rather embracing God's order. By living out this principle, wives can be a light while demonstrating faith and purity, even in difficult circumstances. This biblical standard not only honors God but can transform relationships, drawing others closer to Him.

- What does submission mean to you in the context of your relationships?
- How can you really demonstrate your faith in your daily life with others?
- What are things you can do to encourage yourself in faith to submit to Christ?
- Pray for strength and wisdom to submit in love.
- Reflect on how Christ's submission to the Father influences your relationships.

### **Day 2**

*Ephesians 5:22-24*

Today, we delve deeper into the beauty of the marital relationship and the divine design of submission. God's intention for marriage is to promote unity of purpose and action through respect and love. As wives submit, they remember their example is Christ's submission to the Father, and their model is of the Church's submission to Christ. This sacred partnership fosters intimacy and allows both partners to grow in their love for each other and for God, demonstrating His grace through their union.

- How can people practically practice submission in marriage?
- What small acts of kindness can you incorporate this week to honor your spouse or friend?
- How does understanding God's design for marriage shape your view of submission?
- Ask God to reveal areas in your marriage that need healing or growth.
- Pray for your spouse, that they may lead with love and integrity.

### **Day 3**

*Colossians 3:18*

Submission within a marriage also requires understanding. As we reflect on today's scripture, let us consider the meaning of living with an understanding heart. It is essential for husbands to not only lead but also to listen and nurture their wives. This balance supports a healthy and thriving marriage, that enables them to live out God's mission together. As partners, the goal is to create a safe space where both individuals can flourish, honoring God in their union.

- What does it mean to you to live with understanding in marriage?
- How can you actively listen to your spouse's needs and concerns?

- In which areas do you need to better honor or support your spouse?
- Pray for greater empathy and understanding within your relationship.
- Seek God's guidance in how to love and honor your spouse daily.

#### **Day 4**

*Proverbs 31:10-31*

In a society that often prioritizes outward appearance, today's devotional reminds us to focus on inward beauty. The qualities of a noble wife—strength, dignity, and wisdom—are treasures in God's eyes. As we examine these attributes, we are reminded that submission is rooted in love and respect, showcasing the grace of God in our lives. By cultivating a gentle spirit and relying on God's strength, we shine brightly in our marriages and beyond.

- How are you developing your inner character?
- What values do you hold dear that reflect God's beauty?
- How does your spouse or friend encourage you to grow in character and faith?
- Reflect on the attributes of a godly spouse you wish to embody.
- Pray for a heart that seeks to uplift and nurture your spouse's growth.

#### **Day 5**

*1 Corinthians 13:4-7*

As we conclude our devotional, our focus returns to the heart of submission which is love. Our perfect example is Christ, who submitted to the Father's will in love. In marriage, love is not self-seeking but selfless. Living out God's definition of love helps us foster healthy relationships that reflect His character and encourage an environment where submission comes more easily. As we choose to submit in love, we can draw others into God's kingdom through our marriages.

- How can you practice selfless love in your life or relationships this week?
- What do you think it looks like to love your spouse or close friends with a servant heart?
- In what ways can love transform your view of submission?
- Thank God for His model of love and pray for the strength to embody it.
- Ask the Lord to help you see opportunities to serve your spouse in love.