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## Husbands and Wives

**Colossians 3:18** *Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.*

No place in the NT do the apostles admonish husbands to submit to their wives. This would violate God's set order of delegated authority.

## Wives

**1Peter 3:1** *Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.*

**May be won over without words by the behavior (v.1):** As with all Christians, the Bible teaches wives to use their good behavior to win over unsaved husbands (and loved ones) to the faith.

**Your beauty...should be that of your inner self (vv. 3-4):** As with all Christians—but particularly for women—our primary source of attractiveness should come from inside us and not outside of us.

**They submitted themselves to their own husbands... obeyed (vv.4-5):** Wives have a specific responsibility to submit to the leadership of their husbands. This is to be done willingly.

**Ephesians 5:23** *For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.*

## Husbands

**Ephesians 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body.*

**Gave himself up for her (v. 25):** A Christian husband loves his wife as Christ loved the church by sacrificially giving himself up for her.

Christian husbands realize that loving one's wife is the same as loving one's self.

**1Peter 3:7** *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

**Weaker partner (v.7):** Women are literally “on average” weaker than men, therefore Christian husbands are to respect their wives by making allowances for their weaker frames.

**So that nothing will hinder your prayers (v. 7):** By giving respect, love and consideration to one’s wife the Christian man enhances his prayer life.

### **The Politically Incorrect Guide to Male and Female Temptations (from the “hard sayings” Paul)**

Contrary to modern sensibilities, the Bible is not “gender-neutral” in regard to the sinful tendencies of men and women. Men tend to struggle more with the following sins:

**L**ust

**P**ride

**A**nger (violence)

Women, however, tend to struggle with sins that can often work against submission.

#### **Usurpation**

**1Corinthians 11:8** *For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10 It is for this reason that a woman ought to have authority over her own head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.*

#### **Gossip**

**1Timothy 5:11** *As for younger widows, do not put them on such a list. For when their sensual desires overcome their dedication to Christ, they want to marry. 12 Thus they bring judgment on themselves, because they have broken their first pledge. 13 Besides, they get into the habit of being idle and going about from house to house. And not only do they become idlers, but also busybodies who talk nonsense, saying things they ought not to. 14 So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.*

The “list” was for widows supported by the church who, apparently, took a vow to remain unmarried and dedicated themselves to serving Christ. They had to be over 60 and have a reputation as good wives and mothers as well as humble servants who didn’t engage in idle talk.

#### **Falling for False Teaching**

**1Timothy 2:13** *For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner.*

Both sexes are called to focus on their own “issues” and not get into denial or blaming.

**Galatians 6:4-5** *Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, 5 for each one should carry their own load.*