

Biblical Womanhood: Embracing God's Calling for Wives

God designed marriage to be the very best life has to offer. Marriage is God's gift to mankind. God has made it so that we may find companionship, friendship, and respect. Success for marriage is built on obedience to God's word and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Today we will look at God's plan for wives.

I. 5.22a - The submission principle

- A. 5.22a - This is very specific in nature. The one that is hers.
 - 1. Parallel passage: Colossians 3.18. Submission is *fitting* in the Lord.
 - 2. This is not a cultural preference. It is a spiritual command.
 - 3. In a humble spirit of love, she is to come under his leadership.
- B. 1 Peter 3.1a - Here it is again....i.e., the principle of submission.
 - 1. 3.2 - God desires respectful and pure conduct.
 - 2. 3.4b - God desires a gentle and quiet spirit. This is of *great worth* in God's sight.
- C. This has always been the standard.
 - 1. 3.5-6 - He has always desired them to be submissive to their own husbands.
 - 2. Just as Abraham prototype of faith - so Sarah is the prototype of submission.
- D. 1 Corinthians 11.3 - What we talking about fits with this verse.
- E. Don't think this implies inequality. Galatians 3.28 - for you are all *one* in Christ Jesus.

II. 5.22b - How she submits

- A. Ephesians 5.22b - Submit...as to the *Lord*.
- B. It is the will of Christ that you submit to your husband.
- C. There may be many women who think they are in perfect submission to Christ - but the lack of submissiveness to their husband - indicates they are not.

III. 5.23 - Why she submits

- A. 5.23 - The husband is the *head* of the wife.
- B. If she does not submit, there will be dysfunction in many ways.

IV. 5.24a - The model of submission

- A. 5.24a - Women submit to their husband as the *church* submits to Christ.
- B. This is a lofty concept that involves a willingness - a non-grudging, joyful way.
- C. Just as the church gladly submits to Christ, she gives herself to the protection and care of her husband.

V. 5.24b - Submission in everyday life

- A. 5.24b - In *everything*. What does this look like? How is it exhibited in everyday life?
- B. Titus 2.4b - Be husband lovers; 2.4c - Be children lovers.
- C. 2.5a - Be *self controlled* (sensible).
- D. 2.5b - Be pure - sexual purity - involves a commitment to holiness.
- E. 2.5c - Be workers at *home*. Literally: home worker.
- F. 2.5d - Kind; 2.5e - Submissive.
- G. 2.5f - Why is this so important? So that God's word will not be *slandered*.

Conclusion:

- A. Philippians 2.3-11. Submission heads to honor.
- B. Will we submit to Christ?