

Sermon Notes 02/08/26 – *Ephesians 5:18-24*

Wives' role in marriage.

What does the word submission mean?

Submit means to place yourself under someone else - used in several places in the Word. (*Luke 2:51, Titus 2:5, Romans 13, 1 Peter 2:13, 1 Peter 3:22, Luke 10:17, 1 Chronicles 29:24*).

God is asking a wife to voluntarily devote their strength and gifts to their husband - as God's chosen.

Submission spoken here speaks of the desire of a wife to come along side of her husband in a supportive role.

Bring these to help him fulfill his God given responsibilities to lead the family in the ways of the Lord.

Why does the Lord say to the wife - submit?

1. To form a picture.
2. It was God's design.
3. It has to do with God's order.

When is a wife called to submit to her husband. (*Ephesians 5:24*)

Paul gives us further insight - *Colossians 3:18* - as is fitting in the Lord.

1 Peter 3:1-2 - let your conduct be the thing that wins him to Christ.

Six reasons why wives should embrace God's plan for you to submit to your husbands:

1. It is pleasing to God. (*Proverbs 18:22*)
2. Submission communicates your love to your husband.
3. You are allowing yourself to be a willing helper for your husband which allows him to better fulfill his calling from the Lord. (*Proverbs 12:4*)
4. You are placing your husband in a position where he can be further molded and shaped by the Lord!

5. By doing so a wife is actually showing that she respects her husband. (*Ephesians 5:33*)

6. By submitting to her husband she becomes a picture to her children and those around her of the church submitted to Jesus!

Weekly Memory Verse:

Ephesians 5:30 – Because we are members of His body.

Scripture Chapter Challenge: Read *1 Chronicles 29*