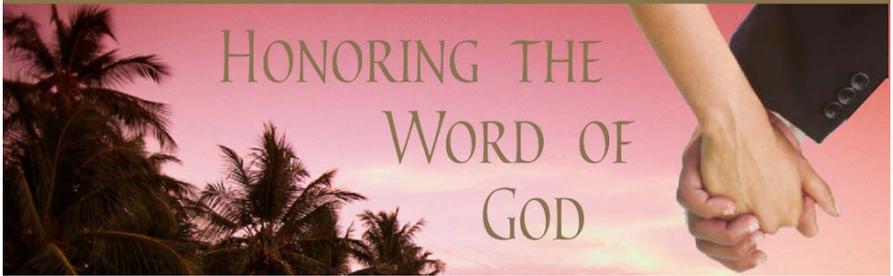


Submission to my Husband



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Submission: the act of yielding, _____, showing obedience, meekness, and submitting something to another for decision or consideration.

What does God have to say about submission?

Ephesians 5:22-24

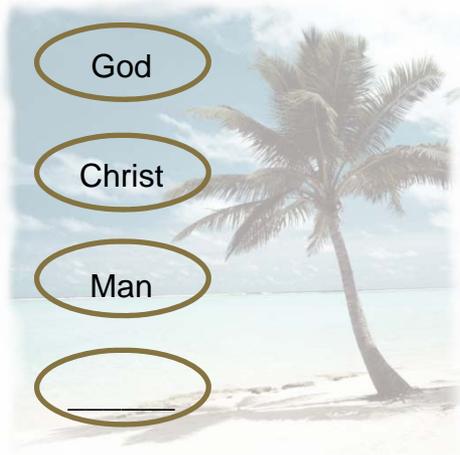
*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, **as to the Lord.** For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

Colossians 3:18

*Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting **in the Lord.***

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is head of the woman, and God is the head of Christ.



Genesis 1:27

God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him: male and female He created them.

1 Corinthians 14:33a tells us that God is not a God of confusion but of peace. When we know our intended role, tranquility is much easier to reign in our lives.

Why is it Hard to Always Submit?

1. We know our husbands better than anyone else. We know his faults, his peculiarities, and his shortcomings.
2. Our own _____ can influence our attitudes about submission.

How do we learn what is expected of us?

It is _____ which holds the true answers. Proverbs 2:3-6 tells us:

*For if you cry for discernment,
Lift your voice for understanding;
If you seek her as silver
And search for her as for hidden treasures;
Then you will discern the fear of the Lord
And discover the knowledge of God.
For the Lord gives wisdom;
From His mouth come knowledge and understanding.*

3. Through our own _____. This is the “all about me attitude”. We need to ask God to help us through His Word and prayer to change this way of thinking to a _____ “all about me” attitude.

It is all about me...

- praying for my husband’s walk with God, strength, and protection.

The effective prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

~James 5:16b

- not holding grudges

Love does not take in account a wrong suffered.

~I Corinthians 13:5b

- supporting my husband’s decisions even when I do _____.

- learning to refrain from speaking my mind fully.

She opens her mouth in wisdom and the teaching of kindness

is on her tongue.

~Proverbs. 31:26

- allowing my husband to be the _____

For the husband is the head of the wife.

~Ephesians 5:23

- not emphasizing his _____
*...but with the mouth of the foolish,
ruin is at hand.*
~Proverbs 10:14b
- reverencing my husband in _____ and

*She does him good and not evil
all the days of her life.*
~Proverbs 31:12
- knowing my husband's likes and dislikes
- living within our _____
*Not that I speak from want for
I have learned to be content
in whatever circumstances I am*
~Philippians 4:11
- taking care of the children
- cooking meals and keeping the home decent
and in order
*She looketh well to the ways
of her household.*
~Proverbs 31:27
- not acting moody when I do not get my way
*Do all things without
grumbling or disputing.*
~Philippians 2:14
- refraining from nagging or whining
*A constant dripping on a day of steady rain
and a contentious woman are alike.*
~Proverbs 27:15
- having a proper _____ attitude.
Create in me a clean heart, O God...
~Psalm 51:10

We can not _____ our spouse. This should never be our goal. If it is, we will never be fulfilling the role God has planned for us. What needs to be changed is how **I** react in various situations that **will** arise in my marriage.

Proverbs 14:1

The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

*Examples of Non-Submission
and the Resulting Problems*

Sarah (Genesis 16:1-6)



Sarah ran ahead of God and allowed her handmaid Hagar to have a child by her husband, Abraham. Sarah, by not exhibiting patience and waiting on God to fulfill His plans of providing a legitimate son in her marital union with Abraham, set in course a series of events which have led to many conflicts which are very evident in the Middle East today. In what instances have I _____ because I felt my husband was not acting quickly enough in some situation?

Rebekah's role in deception (Genesis 27:1-29)



Rebekah enabled her son Jacob to steal the blessing from his twin brother Esau. What did she teach her son, Jacob? Here we witness the epitome of deception. What acts have we committed, or "little white lies" have we told? What do we do when our husbands are not home that would bring _____ if he only knew? Could it be reading certain books or magazines he wouldn't approve or watching certain programs on TV? Or could it be _____ on the telephone about a fellow church member?



Jezebel and Naboth's vineyard (1 Kgs. 21:1-15)

Jezebel was demeaning to her husband when she discovered Ahab did not force Naboth to give up his vineyard. She in essence wore the pants in this situation and decided she would handle the situation since her husband “was not man enough”. In what ways have we become _____ with our husbands or made _____ remarks to him or in front of others? Even if we do this in our hearts and not verbally, we are still sinning.



Lot's wife “looked back” (Genesis 19:26)

Lot's wife desired the things of the past and could not trust God's Word to leave these things behind and look to the future. Do we sometimes _____ in a way that could cause issues with our husband?



Gomer (Hosea 1-3)

Gomer was the wife of the prophet Hosea. Because of her wicked lifestyle, she publicly shamed her husband, was highly insensitive of Hosea's needs, and ungrateful of her husband's provisions for her. In what ways can we _____ our husbands? Our dress, unkempt appearance, behavior in public, failing to properly manage our children, not keeping our homes in order?

What makes submission a blessing and joy?

- It is much easier to be the wife than the husband.
- What a comfort to know that our husbands are ultimately responsible for the family.
- Peace in the home that comes from an _____ family
- Future rewards by setting good examples for our children.
- Fulfillment in our God-ordained roles.

What can our teens learn from our submission?

- Stability
- Proper role models for a marriage partner
- _____ for Mom and Dad which will carry over into adulthood
- Methods of properly using God's Word to answer questions that arise in their lives
- Proper ways to settle disagreements

Conclusion

Submission to our husbands is submission to God. It is definitely an ongoing process that takes constant diligence and much wisdom from God.

*With Your Counsel You will guide me,
and afterward receive me to glory.
~ Psalm 73:24*