

Wives – A Model of Christ's Submission (part 1)

1) A godly woman should be distinguished by being submissive in her marriage (1)

- **What Submission does NOT mean:**

1. Submission does not mean putting a husband in the place of Christ
2. Submission does not mean that you agree with your husband on everything
3. Submission does not mean giving up independent thought and becoming intellectually stagnant
4. Submission does not mean that the wife is inferior to her husband
5. Submission does not mean that the wife should do nothing to protect herself from an unreasonable husband
6. Submission is not based on husband's superiority or worthiness
7. Submission does not mean avoiding every effort to change her husband
8. Submission does not mean acting out of fear

- **What Submission DOES mean:**

1. Submission means a wife honors and has reverence for her husband
2. Submission means a wife makes a willing choice at the time of marriage
3. Submission means a wife's submission is a spiritual matter
4. Submission means a wife's submission is comprehensive
5. Submission means a wife is dedicated to her husband

Other definitions of submission:

It is the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership.
– John Piper

'Be submissive to your husbands' means that a wife will willingly submit to her husband's authority and leadership in the marriage. It means making a choice to affirm her husband as leader within the limits of obedience to Christ. It includes a demeanor that honors him as leader even when she dissents.
– Wayne Grudem

The husband-wife relationship is not a boss-employee, a commander-soldier, or a teacher-student relationship. It is a love relationship, the most intimate of all human relationships. It is a covenant-marriage relationship in which two adults become united as one. Within this union, one partner lovingly takes the lead and the other willingly and actively supports that lead. According to Genesis 2, the wife's role is to affirm the husband in his leadership. This is an active, not passive, role. It requires wisdom, social skill, insight, love, and strength.
– Alexander Strauch

- 2) A godly woman should be distinguished by being _____ in her _____ (2)
- 3) A godly woman should be distinguished by being _____ in her _____ (3–4)
- 4) A godly woman should be distinguished by being _____ of _____ in _____ (5–6)

GBC Application Questions

Grace Bible Church desires that you respond to this sermon by believing the gospel, obeying the Savior, and discipling the world for the glory of God. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions and praying through the issues will help you further meditate upon God's Word in order to see how this can be done.

1. How did this sermon call you to "believe the gospel?" What Biblical truths were presented that you need to believe? How does this passage of Scripture affect the way you believe the gospel and therefore in how you live your life?

2. In what specific ways do you face the temptations described in this sermon? How does the gospel confront those temptations? How can you not only obey moralistically, but to obey in light of the gospel?

3. As you seek to apply these truths in your own life, think of one other person in your life that may benefit from thinking through these issues with you. What are some ways you can disciple this person in this area?
