



**Series: Know Your Bible**

**Lesson: 3. Mutual Submission in  
Marriage, pt. 2**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Wife's Submission

*Eph. 5:22–24 – Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>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. <sup>24</sup>But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

1. Male headship in marriage is a universal design of God's that transcends \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Instead, it is rooted in \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1 Cor. 11:2–16; cf. 1 Tim. 2:12–14)

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1. This is a command that is specific to

\_\_\_\_\_.

2. This command is meant for *all* wives regardless of the

\_\_\_\_\_ of their husbands.

a. Husbands' shortcomings are NOT excuses to disregard this biblical command.

b. However, this does NOT mean to follow their lead into sin.

c. The temptation will always exist to subvert male headship.

*Gen. 3:16 – To the woman He said,  
“I will greatly multiply  
Your pain in childbirth,  
In pain you will bring forth children;  
**Yet your desire will be for your husband,  
And he will rule over you.”** (cf. Gen. 4:7)*

3. However, 'submissive' doesn't mean

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*1 Pet. 3:1-6 – In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, <sup>2</sup>as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. <sup>3</sup>Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; <sup>4</sup>but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup>For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; <sup>6</sup>just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

1. A wife's submission is the quality that attracts her husband to \_\_\_\_\_ AND \_\_\_\_\_.

*Tit. 2:3-5 – Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, <sup>4</sup>so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup>to be sensible, pure, workers*

*at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*

2. The ministry of older women in the Church revolves around teaching younger women to be submissive to their husbands and to the needs of their \_\_\_\_\_.

(cf. Prov. 31:10–31)

### **What Do We Do with These Truths?**

1. Do you find the wife's submission difficult to accept and/or practice? What biblical truths help with this?
2. What excuses does culture give us to avoid following this biblical pattern? How would you respond to them (biblically)?
3. How does seeing the wife's submission in the broader context of mutual submission help to keep this teaching from becoming unbalanced/unbiblical?
4. What do godly wives communicate to the world around them when they practice this pattern faithfully?

**Blanks:** Nature, culture, Creation, Extent, marriages, quality, passive, Ministry, her, Christ, households