

The Spirit-Filled Wife

“Upholding the Call and Glory of God”

Ephesians 5:22-24

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Therefore, be imitators of
God as beloved children.

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Imitate does NOT mean
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Wives Submit To Your Own Husband The Who, What, Why, and How

- Who? Christian Wives
- What? Submit To Your Own Husband
- Why? For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church.
- How? As to the LORD...in everything

Questions To Ponder

- How does the church submit to Christ? How does this inform your submission to your husband?
- Husbands, how does your leadership encourage your wife to submit to you? Does she respect you?
- Wives, how does your submission encourage your husband to love and lead you? Does he find joy in leading you?

Two Promises for the Spirit-filled Wife

- Husbands made holy! 1 Cor 7:14
- Wives made holy! Eph 5:26-27

"Do we want to follow Him in this? "Yes," we say. But then, what if the will of our Father happens to be submission to the will of man? Nothing could be less to our liking. We search for every loophole. "Wives, submit unto your own husbands, as unto the LORD."

Many are the discussions I've heard on this one, almost all of them directed to what it "can't possibly mean," rather than to the plain word of the LORD. The statement is simple. Not easy for women like me, but simple, that is, I understand it too well. As Mark Twain said, "I have far more trouble with the things I do understand in the Bible than things I don't understand."



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Why Should a wife submit to a husband rather than the reverse? Are we not equal? No, not equal in the sense of interchangeable. The heart of the matter is a mystery: the mystery of Christ and the Church. Try reading Ephesians 5:22-24, reversing the nouns. It's nonsense. God arranged husbands and wives in different positions, each representing a tremendous verity: the husband represents Christ: the wife, the Church, His Bride. This divine assignment, not chosen, earned, or deserved by either husband or wife, not conferred by either on the other, but designated by God Himself. I am thankful for this arrangement because I know it is a revelation of divine wisdom and love, given for our freedom and peace.



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