



SUBMISSION IN LOVE
PART I—WIVES
EPH. 5:22-24
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I. Introduction

In matters of role and function, we see God's Word has clearly given us distinctions. To be clear, there are NO differences in the intrinsic value or mutually granted spiritual privileges afforded to all of God's adopted sons and daughters. But God has clearly given authority its purpose and place in many different relationships within the government, with the workplace, within the church, and within the home.

II. The Conflict to Submit (v. 22)

- a. Please look closely, "...as to the Lord." (1 Cor. 7:3-4)
- b. By embracing godlessness, we make ourselves the authority. (1 Pet. 3:1)

III. The Call to Submit (v. 23)

- a. As the head of the Church, Christ himself gives us direction (Col. 1:18)
- b. When a husband and wife yield full to the Spirit of God, he will bless their marriage to health, not perfection, living out sacrificial love for one another.

IV. The Commitment to Submit (v. 24)

- a. Jesus is our role model
- b. Biblical submission means a wife's loving appreciation for her husband's headship and godly leadership of their marriage.

V. Conclusion

Paul is discussing the duties of Christians within the family, NOT the rights of Christians within the household. When we start demanding 'rights' within our relationships we only purposefully add to our own misery and contribute to the fracturing of the unity God calls us to show.



CEFC Sermon-Based Growth Group
Week of: October 14, 2018
Title: Submission in Love Part I--Wives
Text: Ephesians 5:22-24

Kick Starters...

1. Describe the relationship with your own mother as a child?
2. Why do humans generally struggle with submitting to authority at home, work, etc?

Entertain the text

3. Read the text out loud and discuss/list/highlight any significant words or observations. Make notes in your Bible to help you recall anything important to revisit or pray over. Use cross-Scripture texts as is helpful.

Engage the text

4. In v. 22, Paul says, "as to the Lord". How does that help us to understand what it means to submit within marriage?
5. Why does Satan want to remove the distinctions between the genders as God created?
6. Look at 1 Cor. 11:3. How does this help us better understand the importance of headship within marriage relationship?

7. Headed modeled after Christ's headship of the church demands a profound devotion and much prayer in our lives. Why?
8. For a wife to happily submit to her husband's headship within their relationship, she must have the right heart motive and attitude. What does that mean and what does that look like day to day.

Execute the text

9. For the wives: What are some specific things to be praying for to help you be the wife God has called you to be?
10. For the husbands: How can you better demonstrate, support, and affirm your role to enhance your wife's heart and attitude of submission in your marriage?

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Larson/Grosskopf Sunday 4pm @ Larsons	Smith/Olejnik Wednesday 6pm @ Smiths
Fritzsche/Raddatz Wednesday 6pm @ CEFC	Difino/Schwenk Wednesday 6pm @ Schwenks
Billington/Reuter Friday 7:00pm @ CEFC	