

Submission: Can't live Without It

When we were at the altar, submission in marriage, as God required, was probably not on our minds or we did not clearly understand it. Submission brings order. Godly submission in marriage is what the Lord requires of us as believers.

Submission: Right Relationship (v. 21)

1. Submission is for both husband and wife.
2. It comes only through a right relationship with Jesus Christ
3. You must have the right frame of mind to submit

Submission: Genuine love (v. 22)

1. Wives yield to their own husband in response to their genuine love for God.
2. You must yield from a humble and grateful heart.
3. Submit to your husband out of love as a Godly wife.

Submission: Headship (v. 23)

1. God establishes order for the family
2. The husband is the head of the home because God has declared it so.

Submission: Inclusive (v. 24)

1. Wives are to submit to husbands just like the church does to Christ, in everything.

Submission: Love Your Wife into Submission (v. 25)

1. Sacrificial love – willing to die for her.
2. Endless endurance – demonstrates patience and longsuffering.
3. Servant love – caring and commitment is visible and active in the marriage.
4. Forgiving love – looks beyond her faults and sees her needs.

Submission: Family Priest (v. 26)

1. Cover your wife with the Word (husbands are responsible to know the Word).
2. Set her apart (make her feel special)
3. Remove her blemishes

Submission: Made Righteous (v. 27)

1. She becomes righteous before God.

Submission: Unconditional Love & Respect (v. 28 – 33)

1. Submission to God causes a husband to love his wife unconditionally.
2. Husbands can demonstrate “one” love, that brings unity.

Submission defined: Yield to, subject to the governing authority

Ephesians 5: 21 - 29

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing[b] her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. **29** After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— **30** for we are members of his body.

3. Submission to God causes a woman to respect her husband.

31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."^[c] **32** This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ~~**33** However, each one of~~

Biblical submission in marriage is a fitting way to please the Lord. It can bring about salvation for a spouse, unity in the relationship and joy in your heart, when done God's way.

you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.