

Lesson 23

Gender in the Family—Female Submission in the Home



Rejoicing in God's Good Design

Submission and Authority

SUBMISSION



The LIE: submission is tyranny, servility, oppression.

The TRUTH: We are all creatures under the authority of the Creator.

Submission is for...

- Our own good
- The good of others
- The glory of God

God's Word on Authorities

- James 4:7 → God
- Hebrews 13:17a → Church Leaders
- 1 Peter 2:13-14 → Governing Authorities
- Ephesians 6:1 → Children to Parents

Those in authority are not more important or more valuable to God.

ROLE does not determine **DIGNITY** or **WORTH**.

Wives Submitting to Their Husbands



Role of married man:
HEADSHIP in the home.

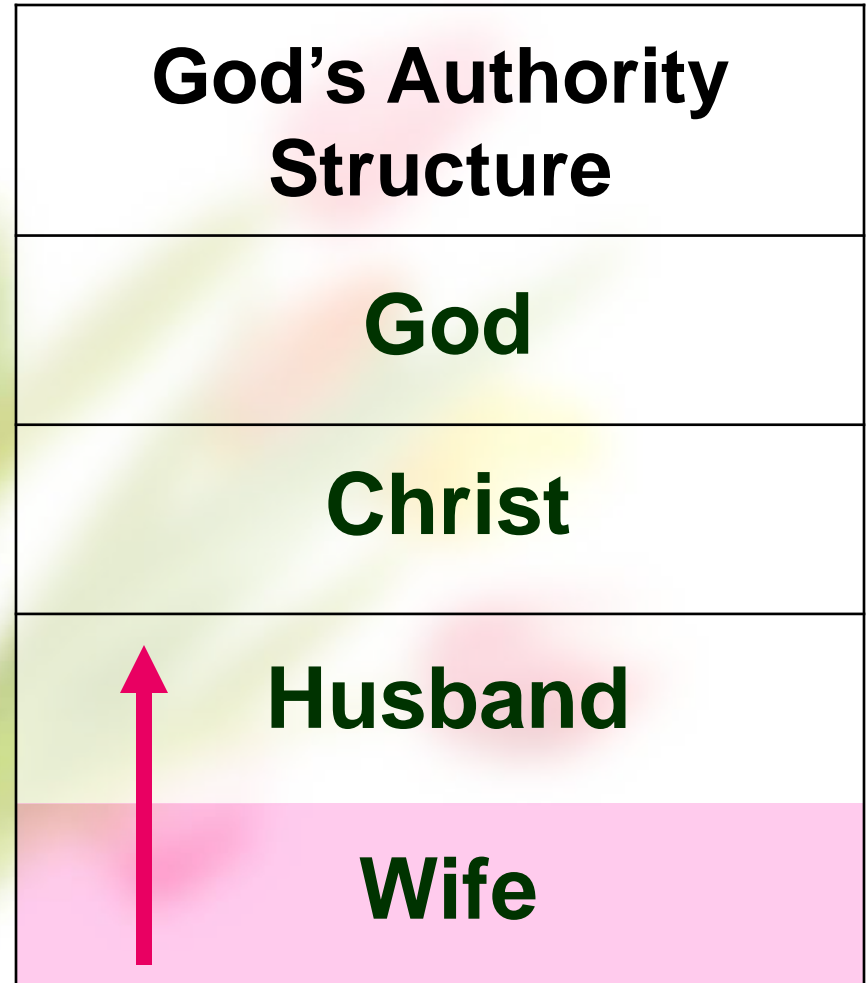
Man's role patterned after
Christ's role.

Role of married woman:
SUBMISSION and
SUPPORT

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1 Corinthians 11:3
Ephesians 5:22-24

As a display of the Church's submission to Christ, the wife is to model the same kind of submissiveness to her husband.



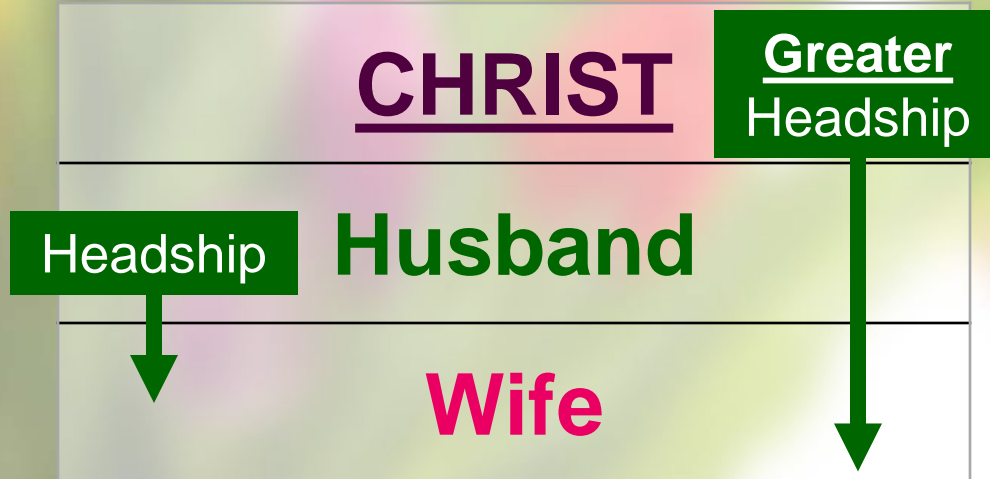
How a Wife Should Submit to Her Husband

1 Peter 3:1-7

- With respect
- With submissive words and actions
- With purity → respectful and pure conduct

How a Wife Should Submit to Her Husband—With Purity

Although wives are to submit to their husbands, a wife is never to submit or comply with her husband in sinning.



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How a Wife Should Submit to Her Husband —Awareness of Imperfections

Marriage:

Should be Christian Woman + Christian Man

But if... **Christian Woman** + **non-Christian Man**

No release
from obligation
to submit

May be won by
her submissive,
respectful, and
pure conduct

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- With fearless faith in God

How a Wife Should Submit to Her Husband —With Fearless Faith

A godly wife can follow her husband with confidence, even when he leads poorly because her confidence ultimately rests in God, not in her husband.





A wife's submission is part of God's good design. It should be embraced and delighted in as it expresses God's goodness and wisdom.

Further Encouragements for Women

1. A wife's submissive spirit is beautiful

1 Peter 3:3-5

True beauty is one that radiates from the inside out, and the submissive spirit of a woman towards her husband is part of her adornment.



Further Encouragements for Women

1. A wife's submissive spirit is beautiful
 2. A wife's submissive behavior as a Christian keeps the Word of God from being despised in the world
- Titus 2:3-5



Further Encouragements for Women

Just as it is shameful when the church disobeys God, so too it is shameful when a wife refuses to submit to her husband.

On the other hand, it is fitting for a Christian wife to submit to her husband, for this is what her Lord asks of her.

The Difficult and Glorious Calling of a Wife

Path to **JOY** and **TRUE FEMININITY**:
Submission to God and His good design

God knows what is **BEST** and His plan is **GOOD**.

A woman must come to Jesus in full dependence on Him each day, asking for His grace to quiet her rebellious, independent heart and to give her a quiet and gentle spirit before the Lord.



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