

Sermon Scripture Passage: Ephesians 5:21-33

21 submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

I Peter 3:1-7 – Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 3 Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— 4 but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening. 7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you[a] of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Scripture References:

I Cor. 11:11 – Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman;

Proverbs 31: Various verses

10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies.

11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value.

16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.

17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.

25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come.

26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

East Glenville Church – Sermon Notes Handout – October 29th 2023
Women, Men, Marriage Singleness #7 – Ephesians 5:21-33 – Roles in Marriage

Question for Couples: **How do you decide who does what household chores?**

Men and women are equal before God, but in marriage the roles are not _____.

Context: Ephesians 5:1 says to, Walk in _____, the rest of the chapter tells us _____

Ephesians 5:21-33 – Wives be _____ to your husband, Husbands _____ your wife.

First: The Bible speaks to women, and treats women as _____

Second: Translate *hypotasso* “be subject” rather than “submit” – because of _____

Third: It is to their _____ husband, with which they are _____ in marriage.

Fourth: It is “as to the Lord.” The wife is to first _____

Note how what Ephesians 5 commands is the opposite of Genesis 3:16

Your desire will be contrary to husband

He shall rule over you

I Peter 3 *If a husband is not following God, what is the best way to win him over?*

3:3 The world says the power of a woman is in her _____

3:4-6 Instead the wife’s strength is the beauty of _____

3:7 Three commands to husbands: Live _____ with your wife

Treat her in an _____ way Show _____ to your wife.

Does being subject mean women are supposed to be timid and unassertive?

Read Proverbs 31 – *how is a godly wife characterized?*

Answers for the blanks:

- Symmetric
- Love
- How
- Subject
- Love
- Moral agents capable of making decisions
- MMA – Mixed Martial Arts where opponents are forced to submit
- Own
- United
- Submit to God and follow the Lord and His Word first
- Physical appearance – sexual attraction
- Imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit
- Together
- Understanding
- Honor
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Instead of going against her husband, and undermine what he is trying to do, the wife is to trust and follow the lead of her husband.

Instead of using his strength to rule over his wife, a husband is called to love her as his own body, and take the lead on sacrificing so that her needs are met.