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Why Submit?

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An Invitation to the Holy Spirit

O God, the Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate
many hearts and lives
to our great good
and to Thy greater glory;
In Jesus' Name. Amen.



Ephesians 5:15-21

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as **wise**, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be

filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of God.



Ephesians 5:15 – 6:9

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Aemilius Paullus had married Papiria, daughter of a former consul.

Papiria was the perfect wife and gave her husband two sons, both of whom proved exceptional men....

Socially, Papiria was everything that was expected of her: she was beautiful, virtuous and fertile.

Aemilius Paullus, however, decided to divorce her.

“Why?” he was asked.

“Is she not discreet? Is she not beautiful?

Is she not fruitful?”

Aemilius Paullus then held out his shoe, saying:

“Is this not shiny? Is it not new? But not one of you can see where it pinches my foot.”

So he married another woman.

Ephesians 5:31 (Genesis 2:24)

“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”



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So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes and cherishes** it, just as the Lord does the church.



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2. In what ways have you nourished your wife spiritually? When was the last time you prayed for her growth as a Christian?



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3. How have you cherished your wife?
When was the last time you gave thanks to God for her?
4. **Has your wife become more Christ-like since your wedding day? According to Paul, that's your responsibility.**



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Ephesians 5:18 – 33

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Philippians 2:3-4

Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem **others** better than himself.

Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of **others**.



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Galatians 3:28

”[In Christ] there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither **male nor female** ...”



Paul

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Golden Rules - for husbands

Her **submission**

- is not yours to *demand*
- is not your *responsibility*
- does not determine your *worth*



"If then the husband's headship is expressed in responsible love for his wife, why should she be reluctant to submit to him? And if a husband desires her to do so (i.e. submit), he will know that it is only by loving her that he will succeed." **John Stott**

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"In other words, if a husband **wishes to remind or persuade his wife to be submissive**, he should do so by fulfilling his own duty of Christ-like, sacrificial love; and not by demanding his wife to submit. Consider for a moment, **how Christ Himself won the submission of the Church**. Christ did not come down bellowing threats and commands, but He gave Himself up for us on the cross, winning us purely by His act of love." **Justin Ng**



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4. *Are your eyes faithfully upon her, or are you looking lustfully at women at work, in the streets, and on your phone screen?*



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Well I don't blindly submit to my husband.
For God gave Adam a 'helper', not a slave.
My husband is my head but not my master.

I think it means to treat him with respect and
to think of him as the boss at home.



I wanted a childless marriage, and we made a deal before getting hitched.
But 2 years into the marriage he asked for children, I gave in.



To be honest, I don't think I'm the best example but I think my mum sets an exemplary example. She does all the background work while dad tends the foreground. Her work is not seen, praised by outsiders but she doesn't complain. It's very much team work that doesn't steal the limelight from the leader. That, to me, is submission at its best.



These are for matters in which dad takes the leadership role. There will be matters in which mum takes the leadership role , dad will then take a backseat.



In situations of major decisions, I'll make opinion known, listen to his view. And we discuss pros and cons. If we still differ, I defer.

I've had to learn to respect him and appreciate his strengths, before this became easier.

And I know the respect is mutual. That makes the difference.



But one area I've been more conscious of over the years is to listen more carefully and pay attention to when he states his preferences (men don't always do so as forcefully as women) and act accordingly. And even if he gives me a view that I don't agree with, I try to factor it into my decisions.



“Why (can’t you) Submit?”

Wife	Husband
Disagree with respect.	Seek to understand.
What is God saying?	What is God saying?
Give him the final say. Trust God.	Let her be, trust God. Continue to love.



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