



**A Review of Eternal Security & Principles of Humility; Biblical Requirements for the Christian Wife & Husband, Eph 5:22-29**

- 43) This disposition is an ongoing mental attitude of enduring loyalty and devotion that never considers any other woman her equal and is dedicated to her well-being no matter the circumstances of life.
- 44) The wife has identified her right man as the boy of her dreams and is motivated by virtue love to respect his leadership by a willingness to submit to his authority.
- 45) The husband, recognizing that this authority is delegated to him by God, does not flout his power, but is mindful of his responsibility before the Lord to make decisions that are in the best interests of his wife.
- 46) The wife, recognizing that her submissiveness is imposed upon her by God, does not resent her husband's authority but is mindful of her obligation to support him, understanding that her best interests are the motivation for his decision-making.
- 47) These principles define the relationship that is intended in the corporate marriage and expressed with great clarity by Paul in Ephesians 5.
- 48) The requirements placed on the Christian wife are mentioned in verses 22-24:

**Ephesians 5:22 - Wives, be submissive to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

The word "submit" is the present middle imperative of the verb:

**ὑποτάσσω, *hupotassō*** - "to submit to the authority of another"

*Hupotassō* is a military word and in verse 21 refers to submission to the authority of the pastor-teacher. You do this out of respect for Jesus Christ who as Head of the Church has assigned authority to the pastor whose job is to serve Him in the church.

The word *hupotassō* is missing in verse 22 but the Greek syntax picks up the verb from the previous verse and is best translated "be submissive":

present: Gnomic; used for proverbial statements that are axiomatic about what occurs at all times.

middle: Places emphasis on the wives having a vested interest in producing the action of this verb.

imperative: A command to wives to place themselves under the leadership authority of their husbands.

This command indicates that the woman is to respond to the husband and indicates that the woman's relationship to her husband in the marriage is that of a responder.

As the wife would respond to the love of Christ so she will respond to the love of her right man who loves her as Christ also loves the church.

**Ephesians 5:23 - For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.**

**v. 24 - But as the church is continuously submissive to Christ in this way also the wives should also be continuously submissive to their own husbands in all things.**

- 49) The requirements placed on the Christian husband are mentioned in:



**Ephesians 5:25** - Husbands, keep on loving your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and delivered Himself up as a substitute for her.

**v. 28** - Husbands ought also to keep loving their own wives as their own bodies. The one who keeps on loving his own wife loves himself;

**v. 29** - For no one ever hated his own body, but nourishes and cares for it, just as Christ also does the church.

- 50) The standard set here is extremely high and places upon the husband responsibilities that he cannot fulfill short of the filling of the Holy Spirit, spiritual growth, and the three categories of virtue love.
- 51) As Christ provides for the church so also the husband must provide for the wife.
- 52) Note the double protection that the Christian wife enjoys by her submission to Christ and to her husband. As a member of the universal church Christ guarantees her every need. As the wife of a Christian husband these logistics will be conveyed to her through him.
- 53) There are also spiritual implications here. The husband is the spiritual leader of the corporation and is responsible for teaching his wife the dynamics of the spiritual life: her spiritual food.
- 54) The wife's spiritual shelter is the umbrella of protection he provides of her as she submits to his leadership.
- 55) The woman's soul is clothed with the doctrines that she acquires from following her husband's spiritual leadership.