



# Young Mothers 2018

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Assignment:

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## Submission and Respect: Loving Our Husbands

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**Memory Passage:** Ephesians 5:22-24

*Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

### 1. Submission

#### A. Modeled by Christ

**B. Defined:**

Submission – Gk. Hupotasso: means to arrange under; put in its proper place, its right rank. As a Greek military term it meant “to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader.”

**C. Part of God’s Order** (From Pastor Mark Minnick’s sermon on Ephesians 5 on 6/10/01)

- Wives are to be submissive to their husbands.
- Children to parents.
- Servants to masters.
- Younger believers are to submit to the elder.
- Subjects are to submit to civil rulers.
- Believers to spiritual leaders in assembly.
- Women to leadership of men in the assembly.



## D. Key Verses on Submission to Husbands

### **Ephesians 5:22-24**

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### **1 Peter 3:1-2**

*In the same way, you wives, **be submissive** to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

### **Colossians 3:18**

*Wives, **be subject** to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

### **Titus 2:5**

*To be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, **being subject** to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.*

“When we submit to our spouses, we are once again agreeing with God that His beautiful ordered plan is worth obeying and the mystery worth preserving. By so doing we once again acknowledge that Jesus is Lord.”

— Barbara Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*

## **E. God's Provision**

## **F. God's Command**

## **G. Difficulties** (From Pastor Minnick's Sermon on Ephesians 5 on 6/10/01)

1. Our flesh.  
Romans 8:7  
Galatians 5:16
2. The world.
3. The devil.
4. Imperfect authority.

## **H. The Spirit-filled Wife** (From Pastor Minnick's Sermon on Ephesians 5 on 6/17/01)

- a. Voluntary submission.  
"The test of submission is when you don't agree."
2. Exclusive to your own husband.
3. Pattern: Submit to your husband as you do to the Lord.
4. Example for children.

## **I. An Expression of Faith in God**

“We often fear submitting to others because we’re afraid to lose control; we might have to do something we don’t want to do. But if we are confident of God’s control of people—whether parents or employers or anyone else in our life—then we can freely submit to that person’s authority. Because we know that someone more powerful controls them, we can surrender.”

—Paul Miller, *Love Walked Among Us*

## **J. Obey God First**

“If you submit ‘out of reverence for Christ,’ you are never obligated-ever-to do anything that would offend Christ.”

—Gary Thomas, *Sacred Influence*



## 11. Respect

“Men flourish in an atmosphere of affirmation, encouragement, and respect. That’s what motivates them to bless and serve their families. That’s what feels like love to them.”

—Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth, *Adorned*.

### A. Key Verses on Respecting Husbands

#### **Ephesians 5:33**

*Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the **wife must see to it that she respects her husband.***

#### **1 Peter 3:1, 2**

*In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, as they observe your chaste and **respectful behavior.***

### B. Defined:

**Respect** – Greek: phobos, fear; reverence.

**Fear of God** – “taking God seriously.” —Layton Talbert

“Fear but don't fear. Fear the One that can swallow up all your illegitimate fears.”

—John Brackbill

### III. Love

#### A. Phileo – have affection for.

**Titus 2:4**

*So that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children.*

#### B. Agape – selfless, sacrificial love.

**I John 4:19**

*We love because He first loved us.*

“Why should anything have my heart but God, but Christ? He loves me; He loves me with love that passes knowledge; and I will love Him. His love stripped Him of all for my sake. Lord, let my love strip me of all for Your sake. I am a son of love, an object of love, a monument of love; of free love, of distinguishing love, of peculiar love, and of love that passes knowledge. And why should not I walk in love—in love to God, in love to man, in holy love, in love unfeigned?”

—John Bunyan, *The Saints’ Knowledge of Christ’s Love*

## C. Agape love described in 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

### 1. Love is patient.

Greek: makrothumia – long of temper or passion; suffering long under provocation or forbearing long when dealing with someone’s shortcomings.

#### 1 Corinthians 4:7

For who regards you as superior? And what do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?

“What if your husband’s faults are God’s tools to shape you?”

—Gary Thomas, *Sacred Influence*

### 2. Love is kind.

a. We love our husbands by making them happy.

The magic question: “What things would you like me to do that I’m not doing?”

—Gary Thomas, *Sacred Influence*

b. We love our husbands by being their helpers

“By addressing the Holy Spirit as a helper, Jesus forever elevated the position of the one who assists. Trace the Holy Spirit’s actions through the New Testament, and you’ll find the Spirit repeatedly encouraging, comforting, coming alongside, and helping. The work of the Holy Spirit, the Helper, is beautiful! And women are never more regal and lovely than when they follow His example, cherishing their responsibility as helper.”

—Barbara Hughes, *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*

### 3. Love is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant.

Agape love looks like service.

Kingdom of Man	Kingdom of God	References
What is highly esteemed among men. . .	Detestable in the sight of God.	Luke 16:15
He who loves his life—he'll lose it.	He hates his life in this world—he'll keep it to life eternal.	John 12:25
Whoever wishes to save his life—he'll lose it.	Whoever loses his life for Christ's sake—he'll save it.	Luke 9:24
Some who are last . . .	Will be first.	Matthew 19:30, 20:16; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30
Some who are first . . .	Will be last.	Matthew 19:30, 20:16; Mark 10:31; Luke 13:30
Everyone who exalts himself – humbled.	He who humbles himself – be exalted.	Matthew 23:12 Luke 14:11; 18:14
He who is least . . .	He is the greatest.	Luke 9:48
He who is greatest . . .	Must become like the youngest, and a servant.	Matthew 20:26, 27; 23:11 Luke 22:26
He who is a leader. . .	Must become like the servant.	Luke 22:26
He who wishes to be first . . .	Shall be your slave.	Matthew 20:27

**4. Love does not act unbecomingly.**

Merriam Webster's definition of unbecomingly – inappropriate; improper; graceless.

**5. Love does not seek its own.**

**1 Corinthians 7:3-5**

*The husband must fulfill his duty to his wife, and likewise also the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does; and likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Stop depriving one another, except by agreement for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer, and come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

**6. Love is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered.**

“Get in touch with how much God has done for you—how he has seen every wicked act you’ve ever committed; heard every syllable of gossip; noticed every malicious, ugly, and hateful thought—and still, he loves you. Even more, he adores you. And he’s forgiven you. Now comes the hard part: will you give your husband what God has given you?”

— Gary Thomas, *Sacred Influence*

**7. Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth.**

“But if we abandon truth telling, we allow people to hurt themselves or others with their own willfulness. Each of us can easily slip into an isolated, self-righteous life unless we’re confronted with truth.”

—Paul Miller, *Love Walked Among Us*

**8. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.**

“. . . if you’re looking for some kind of feeling that will be consistent day in and day out, forget it. The kind of love that sustains a marriage is God given, but it is also a daily choice. For the rest of your life. Never forget that.”

—Elisabeth Elliot, *Passion and Purity*

. . . . Try to remember the vision that ‘being in love’ gave you of what that person was. You found no fault in him or her. ‘Behold, thou art fair, my love, there is no spot in thee,’ Solomon said to his beloved. Is it blindness to see a sinful man or woman thus? I think it is a special gift of vision, the power to see for a little while what God meant when He made that person. You find, after marriage, that the person is in fact a sinner, has flaws you never suspected. Try to remember then what the vision showed you. Thank God for it, and treat him or her with the sort of respect due one who will some day manifest most gloriously the image of God.”

—Elisabeth Elliot, *Passion and Purity*

## Resources

*Sacred Influence* by Gary Thomas

*Adorned* by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth

*Disciplines of a Godly Woman* by Barbara Hughes