

# Lesson 4

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## Love and Submission to Our Own Husbands by Brenda West

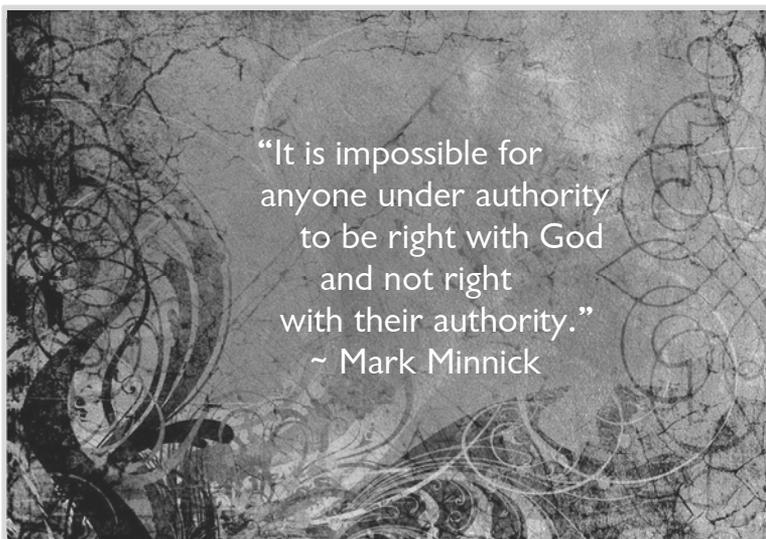
*Just as Sarah obeyed Abraham,  
calling him lord,  
and you have become her children  
if you do what is right  
without being frightened by any fear.  
~ I Peter 3:6*

*She smiles at the future.  
~ Proverbs 31:25b*

## **Commitment to Christ is Commitment to our Marriage.**

*I Peter 3:1-6, <sup>1</sup> 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, <sup>2</sup> as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. <sup>3</sup> Your adornment must not be merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; <sup>4</sup> but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. <sup>5</sup> For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; <sup>6</sup> just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

1. Spheres of Submission are part of the Christian economy of order.
2. Submission is derived from a military term meaning to rank under or beneath. A wife “fits her husband like a glove.”



3. Why we find it hard to submit:
  - a. Humans naturally rebel against authority.
  - b. A wife has “extenuating circumstances” that she feels obviate her from submitting to her own husband.
    - \* Not about tolerating sin.
  - c. The wife is afraid.
  - d. Hurt and bitterness make submission difficult or impossible.
  
- \* Scriptural Help and Counsel
  - Ephesians 5:18-33
  - I Peter 2:19-23
  - I Peter 3:6

## **Submission as Taught by the Bible Makes Sense Only in Light of the Gospel— Living out the Gospel that Saved Us**

1. When we submit to our Husbands, we are actually submitting to the Lord.
2. The godly woman has her own personal relationship with the Lord that is grounding her faith and fulfilling her. She is staking her life and future on the fact that God keeps His Word and He does not change.

### **\* Scriptural Help and Counsel**

- Philippians 2:12-13
- Proverbs 31:26



## **Respect is Paramount in Submission and Love.**

1. Summation of roles of husband and wife:  
Christ-like love for his wife; respect for the husband from the wife.
2. A “helpmeet” helps by adding a different dimension or perspective to the discussion.
3. Submission is trusting and allowing the Lord to work through your husband’s decisions, whatever the outcome.

### \* Scriptural Help and Counsel

- Ephesians 5:18-24, 33
- Revelation 2:1-5
- Hebrews 13:5-6
- James 1

## **Understanding Our Husbands' Battles is Crucial to Loving and Helping Them the Way They Need.**

1. A godly, loving wife, armed with knowledge and wisdom, prays for her husband in his battles.
2. A wise woman builds her house by promoting modesty.
3. A godly mother lives and teaches true beauty.
4. A husband carries a burden for the provision for his family.
5. The wife and children should be grateful for Dad and his care.

### **\* Scriptural Help and Counsel**

- I Peter 3:2-5
- Ephesians 5:33

**A wife Has the Duty and Privilege of Loving and Being Loved by her Husband in that Exclusive, Delightful Way that God Gives Only to a Man and His Wife.**

1. Men need intimacy.
2. Intimacy in marriage is spiritual.
3. For the husband, intimacy is just that—intimate communication of his feelings and desires for love, closeness, and acceptance from his wife.
4. A satisfying relationship is protection for the marriage.

\* Scriptural Help and Counsel

- Proverbs 5:15-19
- Ephesians 5:31-32

**God Blesses a Marriage with Love and Children.**

1. Love matures and grows with the years.
2. Display love properly.
3. Kindness and consideration for our husbands communicate that we esteem him, even above the children.

\* Scriptural Help and Counsel

- Psalm 127
- Ephesians 5:25
- Song of Solomon

## Conclusion



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