

# Message Series: Making Marriage Work

## “Understanding ‘Submission’ in Christian Marriage”

### Introduction:

1. “Submission” is a Bible word and a \_\_\_\_\_-ordained concept.
2. Everywhere in society, God has established authority and expects submission to that authority.
  - Governmental authority – Romans 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13
  - \_\_\_\_\_ authority – Ephesians 6:1
  - \_\_\_\_\_ authority – Hebrews 13:17
  - Christ’s authority over the church – Ephesians 1:20-23
3. The biblical principles of authority and submission are also found in \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Ephesians 5:23-24
  - Colossians 3:18
  - 1 Peter 3:1
4. Submission is a wonderful Christian virtue that applies to \_\_\_\_\_ Christian in many different ways. Ephesians 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is our ultimate example of a submissive spirit.
6. Many women recoil at the very mention of the word “submission.” It is simply because they do not possess a \_\_\_\_\_ understanding of this wonderful, Christian attribute.
7. The purpose of this lesson is to bring clarity and insight to the biblical principle of submission.

### I. A wife’s submission affirms her husband’s

\_\_\_\_\_. **Ephesians 5:23-24**

- When a wife takes the leadership role in the home, it’s one of the worst \_\_\_\_\_ she can ever make.

**II. A wife's submission affirms her \_\_\_\_\_ for her husband. Ephesians 5:33**

- Even though you may not respect the person, you respect the \_\_\_\_\_.

**III. A wife's submission affirms her \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus. Ephesians 5:22**

A. Any time we submit to the leadership of another person, it is a \_\_\_\_\_ issue.

- By faith, we recognize that \_\_\_\_\_ has placed leaders in our lives and therefore we are to submit to their leadership as if Christ Himself were leading us. Ephesians 6:5-7; Romans 13:1-2

B. One important note:

- A wife should never submit to her husband's \_\_\_\_\_ demands or \_\_\_\_\_ schemes.

**IV. A wife's submission affirms the \_\_\_\_\_ of their relationship. Ephesians 5:22, 24, 31**

**V. A wife's submission is a powerful \_\_\_\_\_ to her husband. 1 Peter 3:1-5**

- Proverbs describes a woman who is in contrast to the 1 Peter 3 woman.
  - *"It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house."* **Proverbs 21:9, Proverbs 25:24**
  - *"It is better to dwell in the wilderness, than with a contentious and an angry woman."* **Proverbs 21:19**
  - *"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike."* **Proverbs 27:15**

## **In Conclusion: What biblical submission is NOT.**

1. Submission is not the wife's core \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage. It is her Christ-like \_\_\_\_\_ to her husband's role that energizes him to be the leader God wants him to be.
2. Submission is not the result of a \_\_\_\_\_ dictatorship.
3. Submission is not subjecting one's self to \_\_\_\_\_ and sinful behavior.