

HIS & HERS HER NEEDS

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over

KEY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5.21-33

PURSUE GOD

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

submit [suhb-mit] verb

To give over, to subject or allow oneself to yield to the power or authority of another.

This passage begins with a call for all Christians to submit to each other out of reverence to Jesus, and goes on to describe a wife's submission to her husband. One of the first things that comes to mind when we hear the word "submission" is blind obedience. A mentality that says, do what you're told and don't ask any questions. Not only that, but there's also a sense submission is some form of indentured servitude where the person you're submitting to has little or no regard for your well-being. But that's not at all what God had in mind when He inspired Paul to write these words. Submission is not one individual's unrestrained authority over you, but a confident assurance that in submission there is a trust of placing yourself in someone else's hands. Which means in the role of wife, submission does not place the husband in ultimate authority over her, because God is that authority. It does not mean a wife cannot have independent thoughts, or seek to influence her husband in a healthy manner; because she can and should. This does mean a husband and wife are partners with complementary roles; like left and right hands that work together, though one is dominant. Wives are to submit to their husbands as Jesus submits to God.

LOVE LIFE

How do I define submission?

How does the Bible define it?

Where are the two at odds?