

# sermon notes

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"What is a Wife?" | Gen 3:16; 1 Cor 11:3; Eph 5:21–33; Col 3:18–19; 1 Pet 3:1–7

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## *Five questions concerning submission:*

1. What does submission \_\_\_\_\_?
2. To whom does a wife \_\_\_\_\_?
3. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of submission?
4. What is the \_\_\_\_\_ of submission?
5. Why is submission so \_\_\_\_\_?

## *Five ways a wife can demonstrate loving submission to her husband:*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## Questions for further application of God's Word:

### GO DEEPER

Read 1 Corinthians 11:3. Who is Christ's head (leader?) according to this passage? Does Jesus follow the leadership of God the Father? If so, does that make Jesus inferior (i.e. does submission imply inferiority)?

Why is it important to remember that a husband's authority is divinely ordained? What are some other divinely ordained positions of authority that we need to submit to? What are some typical struggles that marriages have when they fail to follow God's design for loving leadership (men) and willing submission (women)?

What does a woman teach her children when she respects and submits to her husband? What does disrespect and unsubmitiveness teach her children? How do her actions influence her own leadership role in the home? What are some ways that men can subvert their own leadership role by failing to show respect and submission to other divinely ordained authorities?

### GET PERSONAL

Why is the concept of submission so challenging in our day? What are some obstacles that women have to overcome in order to fulfill the biblical guidelines for marriage? If a man really does try to love his wife as Christ loves the church, how does that impact a wife's desire to follow her husband and submit to his leadership?

### PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

**MARRIED WOMEN:** Of the five "demonstrations" mentioned above, which one do you think is most important to men? How about for your husband? What are some additional ways (other than the five mentioned above) that a woman can demonstrate loving submission to her husband?

**MARRIED MEN:** Which of the five "demonstrations" above do you desire most from your wife? How can you encourage your wife in these five areas?

**SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN:** What are some ways that you can love your (future) spouse now and meet them later? How can you encourage your married friends to obey these biblical injunctions?

### ADVANCED QUESTION

Read 1 Peter 3:1-6. How can a spiritually minded wife encourage a less spiritually minded husband to lead his family? What about a woman who is married to an unbeliever (see 1 Cor 7:1–40)?