

SERMON NOTES

Date: October 25, 2020

Series: God's Riches

Title: Marriage in Christ for Wives

Text: Ephesians 5:22-24

Big Idea: God desires wives to display the fullness of the Spirit in the way they submit to their husbands.

APPLICATION GUIDE

DISCUSS

How does the world distort the biblical view of submission in marriage?

How do the words “as to the Lord” impact the meaning of submission in marriage (Ephesians 5:22)?

Formulate a biblical definition of what a wife’s submission means (cf. Genesis 2:18-23; Proverbs 31:10-12; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18; 1 Corinthians 11:3, 9; 1 Peter 3:1-6).

Talk about what submission *does not* mean in marriage.

APPLY THE TRUTH (If you’re married, talk about your answers with your spouse.)

Genesis 2:20-23 shows us that God created a wife to complement her husband, but Genesis 3:16 shows that she will compete with him because of sin. Make a list of ways a wife might compete with her husband instead of complementing him (Genesis 2:18-23).

How do the following passages illustrate ways a wife may act in an unsubmitive way toward her husband?

- Proverbs 21:19
- Proverbs 29:15
- Proverbs 21:9
- Proverbs 19:14
- Luke 10:40
- James 1:19

How can a wife express submission in the daily and practical areas of life (such as housework, finances, friendships, meals, parenting, personal discipline, decorating, employment, hobbies, family devotions, church life, sexual intimacy)?

How can a husband make it easy for a wife to submit to him (cf. 1 Peter 3:7)?

COMMIT THIS WEEK

The church needs spirit-filled women who are confident in God’s design for marriage and submissive to Christ in everything. Pray for God’s grace to be shown to women in struggling marriages as they try to show respect and honor to their husbands.