

# **Week Twelve**

## **Subject to Her Husband**

### **Titus 2:5**

1. Gen. 2:18-25 describes the creation of woman. What was she created to be?

“Helping” with the wrong attitude is more “destructive” than “helpful.”  
From 1 Peter 3:5 what heart attitude is necessary?

2. Marriage is not a human custom, but a divinely created institution for all ages and cultures. God has an ideal plan for marriage set forth in His word. Read these scriptures and summarize God’s ideal for marriage. Genesis 2:18-24; Proverbs 5:18-20; Mark 10:2-12.

3. What is the husband’s role in marriage from Ephesians 5:22-33; 1 Peter 3:7; 1 Corinthians 11:3.

4. How does Christ love the church?

**How does He nourish (feed, rear up to maturity) the church? See Jeremiah 15:16**

**How does He cherish (tender love and care) the church? See 1 Peter 2:25**

**Is this conditional upon anything?**

**How can a husband love his wife in this way?**

**5. Why is a woman to submit to her husband? 1 Corinthians 11:3**

**Who is the head of every man?**

**To whom is the husband to submit?**

**How seriously is the husband to take this responsibility of headship?  
Compare these verses:**

**James 3:1**

**1 Peter 5:1-4**

**Hebrews 13:17**

6. What is the wife's role in marriage from Ephesians 5:22-23. What are the two primary commands?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
7. The Greek word for "subject" is 'HUPOTASSO.' It means to place oneself in an orderly fashion, in ones proper position. A wife is to be in the proper position under the protection and guidance of her husband. Whose responsibility is the wife's submission? Her husband's or her own?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. Both husband and wife roles can be traced back to the way things were in the Garden before sin marred relationships. How do you see this in Genesis 2:15-25?

**Describe the first "role reversal" in Genesis 3.**

**Where was Adam?**

**What effect did this have on not only Adam and Eve but also all mankind?**

**How did it affect the God-ordained roles of husband and wife?**

**9. Read 1 Peter 3:1-5. What reason is given for wifely submission?**

**What might be the natural response to this situation? Why?**

**What attitudes might be included in “chaste and respectable behavior” verse 2? Use a dictionary for help.**

**Toward whom should a wife show respect?**

**How does God view a submissive spirit in wives, verse 4?**

**How would you compare your attitude in relating to your husband with that of 1 Peter 3:1-5? What do you need to change in order to be more “precious” and “adorned” before God?**

10. In 1 Peter 3:7, who is chosen by God as an example of how a woman is to relate to her husband in a godly way? What do you know about her?

Although she made some major mistakes, she still lived by faith and hope in God without fear. (See Hebrews 11:11) How does this help you desire God's ideal in your marriage?

11. Read Genesis 25:19-28; 27:1 – 28:1. Study Rebekah as a wife in light of what you have learned from Ephesians 5:21-33 as well as Proverbs 31:11-12. What conclusions can you draw?

What personal applications can you make from the study of Rebekah?

12. Submission is an act of the will in obedience to God (Colossians 3:18). Read Jeremiah 7:23, 32:38-40; Ezekiel 11:19-20. How is obedience to God possible?

13. Though men and women have different roles, how do these verses show their equality?

Genesis 1:26, 28

Genesis 1:27

1 Peter 3:7

