

A Godly Wife

Genesis 2:18-24

- I. **Marriage - God Ordained Institution** (Gen. 2:18, 2:21-24)
- II. **The Kind Of Wife God Wants You To Be**
 - A Virtuous Wife (Pro. 31:10-12, Pro. 12:4)
- III. **Responsibilities Of A Godly Wife**
 - A. A Help Meet (Genesis 2:18-20)
 1. Help Meet – “aid”
 2. Crafted in likeness, intellect – none like that among the creation of animals
 3. Are you being a helper or an obstacle? How would your husband answer?
 - B. To Submit To Her Husband (Eph. 5:22-24, Col. 3:18, 1 Pet. 3:1)
 1. Submit - *“To subject oneself, to obey” Thayer*
 2. Wives are to submit to their husbands **“as unto the Lord”**, she is to be submissive in the same way she voluntarily submits to Christ
 3. Wife is to submit to her husband the same manner as the church is to Christ
 4. Consider the relationship of Christ and the church
 - a. Christ is God’s gift
 - b. Church looks to Christ as the cornerstone holds it all together (Eph. 2:20-21)
 - c. Church dwells in presence of Christ (Eph. 3:17)
 - d. Church experiences all-encompassing love (Eph. 3:19)
 - e. Church receives his gift of grace (Eph. 4:7)
 - f. Receives from him all that is necessary for growth (Eph. 4:15,16)
 - g. Imitates Christ’s love (Eph. 5:2)
 - h. Learns what is pleasing to him (Eph. 5:9)
 - i. Lives in fear of him (Eph. 5:21)
 5. Christ expects certain things, yet He gives what is beneficial
 6. Paul requires wives to submit, yet expects husbands to model their behavior after Christ where they would request things that are pleasing to Christ
 7. The husband is respectful of this relationship and exhibits love (Eph. 5:25-33)
 8. Submission does NOT mean wife is – inferior, less important, uneducated, never has opinion, suggestion, preclude her from expressing her thoughts, desires and aspirations
 - C. To Reverence Her Husband (Eph. 5:33)
 1. Reverence carries the meaning of respect
 2. Do I respect my husband?
 3. In way I dress, keep the house, entertain guest?
 4. Are you openly appreciative of your husband?
 5. Are you helping your husband obey God and accomplish the Lord’s work?
 6. Are you more likely to make your husband feel like a king or do you demoralize him?
 - D. Learn From The Older Women (Titus 2:4-5, 1 Tim. 5:9-10, 5:14)
 - E. To Render Due Benevolence (1 Cor. 7:3-5)
 - F. Dress Modestly (1 Pet. 3:1-5, 1 Tim. 2:9-10)
 - G. Example Of A Deacon’s Wife (1Tim. 3:11)