

E. Your wife needs a husband, not a roommate.

F. Don't be boring.

Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that he has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Ecclesiastes 9:9 (ESV)

G. Any Harshness toward your wife will affect your relationship with God.

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Conclusion

Digging Deeper Sermon Study

1. **Read Colossians 3:18.** What did you think Paul meant when he commanded wives to submit to their husbands? How has your understanding changed? How does the second part of verse 18 enlighten the first part?
2. **Read 1 Corinthians 11:3 and Ephesians 5:18-22.** How do these passages impact our understanding of submission?
3. In your opinion, how does our culture generally respond to idea of authority and submission? Why do you think this is so? How should a Christian woman respond to another woman that feels disgust at the idea of submitting to a husband? Why is this actually a gospel discussion?
4. **Read Colossians 3:19.** Paul gives one command and a warning to husbands. What can a husband do heed this warning? Men, what do you think it means to love a wife. Women, what do you think it means to be loved by a husband?
5. What does it mean for a husband to cultivate and study his wife like a gardener cares for a garden?



Colossians 3:18-19 - How Does Jesus Change My Marriage?

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1. Paul's words on marriage were shocking.
2. God intended marriage to reflect the Trinity. It is equality with hierarchy.
3. **Wives are to submit and help their husbands.**

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All of the Christian life is submission to authority.

But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. 1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) (See also Romans 13:1, 1 Corinthians 16:16, Titus 2:9, Luke 2:51.)

Nobody is saved without submission.

A wife's submission is hard because of sin.

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

What does submission NOT mean.

1. Submission is not for single women.
2. Submission does not apply outside the home (and church).
3. Submitting to a husband is different than obeying a husband.
4. Submission does not mean a wife is less valuable, intelligent or competent.
5. Submission does not mean a wife can't influence her husband.

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 1 Peter 3:1-2 (ESV)

6. Submission is voluntarily given, not forcefully taken.
7. Submission does not mean following a husband into sin.
8. Submission means not being domineering or overbearing.
9. Submission means treating a husband with respect around the children.

4. Husbands are to love and cherish their wives.

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. Colossians 3:19 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

What does it mean for a husband to love his wife?

1. Remember a woman is a daughter, before she is a wife.
2. Remember the difference between being the head of a wife and the boss of a wife.
3. A husband will get from his wife the love he gives to his wife.

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. Ephesians 5:28 (ESV)

4. Loving a wife means making her life better with you than it could have been apart from you.

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. Ephesians 5:25-27 (ESV)

5. When a wife hears a husband should love her, she hears friendship.

His mouth is most sweet, and he is altogether desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. Song of Solomon 5:16 (ESV)

To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

How can a husband be harsh toward his wife?

- A. Don't make more emotional withdrawals than deposits.
- B. Stop yelling, cursing or physically shoving your wife.
- C. Never publicly humiliate your wife, especially on social media.
- D. Remember the difference between a sin and a mistake.