

## For Wives: Evangelizing Your Husband

“The more I study the ways of God, the more sobered I am by the incredible influence we as women have . . . – for better or for worse, for good or evil.” (Nancy Leigh Demoss)

*Remember Eve*

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### 5 Instructions

*...to help you endear the gospel to your husband*

**I. Make it your \_\_\_\_\_ to endear the gospel to your husband each day.**

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1 Peter 4:17. “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?”

1 Peter 1. “(23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the **word** of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (24) For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away; (25) But the **word** of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the **word** which **was** **gospelled** to you.”

**II. Endear the gospel to your husband by \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to him.**

“submit” = Gr. hupotassō, to place oneself underneath another

A. What “submit” does not mean:

- That men are to “subject” their wives
- That wives are inferior to men (*Rom. 13:1; 1 Cor. 15:28; Luke 2:51*).
- That wives are to do absolutely whatever their husband says, even if it’s wrong.
- That wives can never voice concern, criticism, or disagreement

B. What “submit” does mean

1. That women are to arrange themselves underneath the leadership and authority of their husbands
2. That wives are to fight & be victorious over the violent desire within them to master their husbands
3. That women are to “submit” themselves to the purposes for which God has given them to their husbands (*1 Cor. 11:9; Titus 2:4-5*).

Genesis 2:18. And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

*“Submission means that the wife puts all of her talents, abilities, resources, energy at her husband’s disposal. Submission means that the wife yields and uses all of her abilities under*

*the management of her husband for the good of her husband and family. Submission means that she sees herself as a part of her husband's team. She is not her husband's opponent fighting at cross purposes or trying to outdo him. She is not merely an individual going her separate way. She is her husband's teammate striving for the same goal" (Wayne Mack, Strengthening Your Marriage).*

C. Why submit? Because when rightly done, submission is a most powerful way to \_\_\_\_\_ the heart of your husband towards God, and the gospel.

**III. Endear the gospel to your husband by being \_\_\_\_\_ devoted to him.**

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**IV. Endear the gospel to your husband by being \_\_\_\_\_ towards him.**

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- Speak to him respectfully
- Speak of him to others respectfully
- Think of him respectfully (ex. Sarah)
- Voice ideas, concerns, and disagreements respectfully
- Respect what is good in him
- Give him a respectful reputation to live up to

V. **Endear the gospel to your husband by making yourself \_\_\_\_\_ for him.**

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A. The two ‘cosmetics’:

“gentle spirit” = amiable, friendly vs. rough or bad-tempered

“quiet spirit” = calm, peaceful, tranquil vs. restless, rebellious, disturbing

B. Their value:

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C. A ‘secret’ about men:

D. The necessary location of your hope: \_\_\_\_\_.