

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1-3; 15:20-28; Eph. 5:22-33
Singing: 393:1-3 – 302:1-3 – 19:5 – 305:1 – 435:1, 6, 9

Introduction: *Is your question in all aspects of life, "What can I give?"*

HONOR MY AUTHORITY (7)

I. As you exercise it II. As you respond to it ... *as wife*

A. Review the *position* of the wife within marriage

1. Position of *honor* as being a wife (mother) is one of highest callings in life
 - a. it is the call to be the 'home-maker' (John 14:23; 1 Tim. 5:14; Titus 2:5)

2. Position of *ministry*: Eph. 5:22-24; 32-33; 1 Peter 3:1-6
 - a. the first focus of your ministry is not your husband

B. God's assigned responsibility for the wife: *submission in everything* (vs. 24)

1. "Submission" has become a *negative phrase* through sin
 - a. reality is that for many *submission* is negative

 - b. truth of the 'theology of submission' is beautiful
2. Observe the beauty of 'submission' of Jesus Christ the Lord to God
 - a. Jesus was given (Matt. 28) position of *ministry* on His Father's behalf

 - b. Yet He is still in place of *submission* (1 Cor. 11:3; 15:27-28)
3. Observe the beauty of Jesus' submission to Joseph and Mary: Luke 2:51

4. Consider beauty of God's Church's submission to Jesus: Eph. 5:24
 - a. before saved, we were in bondage to self-serving head: Satan

 - b. being saved, we are subject to the 'Savior of the body' (23a)

C. What does *submission* in the marriage relationship practically mean?

1. God has assigned your *husband* to be leader in marriage (vs. 23)
 - a. God not only created *husband and wives*

 - b. submission means: *to show respectful attitude towards husband* (33)
 - as wives thrive on love, husbands thrive on respect
2. God has assigned your position to be *an assisting ministry* (Gen. 2:18)

3. God calls you to *dedicate all your gifts and graces* to help your husband be the best leader in the marriage home
 - a. husbands don't have all the gifts and graces needed to be husband

 - b. submission means you embrace God's call to dedicate all your God's

given gifts and graces to him to make him a better leader

- c. if well understood, this kind of submission is hard work
- don't use 'submission' to escape your responsibility

d. in some cases, submission is more than hard work, as husbands can be domestic abusers

Thoughts on Marriage

Marriage is far more than finding the right person.
It is being the right person.

A pledge to take a woman for his wife commits a man to sharing life in its entirety with her. (W. Chantry)

God made the woman not of Adam's head to rule over him; nor out of his feet to trample her, but out of his rib to be equal to him, under his arm to be protected by him and near his heart to be loved by him as well as to protect his heart!