

The Blessedness of Submission
Col 3:18-19

Intro: In our present-day world, submission is not a good word. The philosophy of society today seems to be geared toward an _____, self-focused spirit and behavior. The Scripture clearly teaches that submission to the _____ of God over our life is the _____ way to secure His blessings. (**Heb 13:17a** *Obey them that have the rule over you and submit yourselves.*)

I. Submission of the _____ to the _____ **Vs 18a**

A. **Submit:**

1. To _____ place oneself under another person's authority (the picture of one in the military subordinating under their commanding officer.)
2. To put in oneself in subjection to another's _____ over them

B. **Submit yourself**—focus on _____ being submitted

C. **Unto your own husband Vs 18b**

1. Sometimes it is easier for a wife to submit to _____ man than to her own husband because she _____ the faults and failures of her husband, where she doesn't necessarily see the faults and failures of another man as often.
2. The headship of the husband over the wife can often be sabotaged by the _____ of the wife to submit to her husband. Thus, the blessing of the Lord on the home can be _____ because of the wife's refusal to obey the Scripture in this matter.

D. Submission of the wife to the husband is _____ in the Lord. **Vs 18c**

1. **Fit**—the fitting practice; something that God takes _____ in seeing
2. *Wives have rights and privileges, but recognition of the husband's leadership is essential to a well-ordered home, only the assumption is that the husband has a head and a wise one. Robertson's NT Word Pictures*

E. Scripture references:

Gen 3:16 *To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, In pain you shall bring forth children; Yet your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you. NASB*

1 Cor 11:3 *But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.*

Eph 5:22-24 *Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the savior of the body. ²⁴Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*

Tit 2:3-5 *The older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things—⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed. NKJV*

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1 Pet 3:1-6 *In the same way, wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by the way their wives live ² when they observe your pure, lives. ³ Don't let your beauty consist of outward things like elaborate hairstyles and wearing gold jewelry or fine clothes, ⁴ but rather what is inside the heart—the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. ⁵ For in the past, the holy women who put their hope in God also adorned themselves in this way, submitting to their own husbands, ⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. You have become her children when you do what is good and do not fear any intimidation. CSB*

II. Submission of the _____ to the _____ **Vs 19**

A. **Husbands,**

1. Cf. Ephesians 5:25
 - a. God appointed _____ of the home
 - b. To be a picture of Christlikeness to your _____
2. **Love your wife**
 - a. Gk. ἀγαπάω [ag-ap-(h)ao]-to love _____, to continually feel and exhibit esteem and goodwill to a person, to prize and delight in them. "Keep on loving your wife."

- b. It consists in a strong and cordial affection for them; in a real delight and pleasure in them; in showing respect, and doing honor to them; in seeking their contentment, satisfaction, and pleasure; in a quiet, constant, and comfortable dwelling with them; in providing all things necessary for them; in protecting them from all injuries and abuses; in concealing their faults, and covering their infirmities; in entertaining the best opinion of their personal actions; and in endeavoring to promote their spiritual good and welfare: this love ought to be hearty and sincere, and not feigned and selfish; it should be shown in private, as well as in public: it should be faithful and one-womaned, constant, and permanent; it should exceed that which is shown to neighbors, or even to parents, and should equal that which a man has for himself. **John Gill Commentary**
- c. This type of love is one that _____ the husband to submit to being the Biblical husband and leader of the home and ministering to the _____ of his wife.

3. Scripture references:

Pro 5:18-19 *Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice in the wife of your youth. As a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times; Be exhilarated always with her love.*

NASB

Eph 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;*
Eph 5:28-29 *In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, **CSB***

Eph 5:33 *To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband. **CSB***

1 Pet 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.*

B. And be not bitter toward them.

- 1. **Bitter**—the result of an _____ spirit toward someone.
 - a. To be exasperated with and _____ toward someone.
 - b. To be _____, and deal with severely with someone.
 - c. This is the _____ of husbands toward their wife.
- 2. *Wherever bitterness is, there love is missing. And where love is missing in the married life, there is extreme difficulty in the marriage relationship. **Adam Clarke Commentary***

3. Scripture references:

a. Characteristic of the _____ **Ro 3:14** *Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:*

b. Not to be a part of the _____ life **Eph 4:31** *Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:*

c. When bitterness is found in a believer's heart, it should bring brokenness and repentance to that believer. **Jas 3:13-16** *Who among you is wise and*

understanding? By his good conduct he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and deny the truth ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice.

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Concl. The place to begin a "Christ-like" behavior is in the _____. And the best people to demonstrate "Christ-like" behavior are the _____ and _____. The Blessedness of Submission—how important it is that we and practice it in obedience to the Scripture.