

The Wife's Role

1. Goal: A wife _____ her role and learning to be _____ with it because of her trust in God.
2. For a wife to be joyful, she must be _____ kind of woman.

I. You Must Be _____ (Eph. 5:22-24).

A. The history of mankind's response to submission

1. Started with _____ (Isa. 14:13).
2. Continued in the _____ (Gen. 3:5).
3. Extended to all _____ (Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:10-18).
4. Intensified in the _____ days (2 Tim. 3:1-2).
5. As a result, submission is misrepresented and _____.

B. Wrong ideas about submission

1. That the wife is _____ (Phil. 2:5-9; 1 Pet. 3:7; Gal. 3:28).
2. That the husband is _____ (Rom. 13:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-14).
3. That a wife cannot _____ and should not _____ (Eph. 4:15-16; 2 Cor. 5:10).
4. That the wife has no _____ (1 Pet. 3:1-2).

C. Biblical teachings about submission

God's plan for _____ and _____

1. General truth

- a. A military term to _____ (an act of the will) "arrange yourself in rank under" (1 Pet. 5:5-6).
- b. A way of life for _____ believers (1 Pet. 2:13-14; Eph. 5:21).
- c. An _____ toward God (Rom 13:1-2; Eph. 5:22).
- d. A proof of your _____ (Jn. 14:15, 31; 1 Jn. 5:3).

2. Specifically to the wife

- a. A way to _____ truly beautiful (1 Pet. 3:1-6)
- b. A picture of the _____ obeying Christ (Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet. 2:21-23; 3:1)
- c. Limited only by _____ mandate, not personal preference

D. A perfect picture of submission demonstrated by _____ (Phil. 2:5-9).

II. You Must Be a _____ (Gen. 2:18).

A. The meaning of the term

1. "Fitting helper" = _____, complimenting, corresponding to, _____ perfectly to, adapted to meet needs.

2. Used fourteen times to describe God being my help.
3. Therefore this is not a _____ term, nor is the wife a “second-class” person.

B. No one can complete and contribute as the wife can.

1. C _____
2. E _____
3. P _____
4. S _____
5. P _____
6. D _____ (Pr. 31:10ff, 28)
7. I _____
8. M _____

III. You Must Be _____ (Eph 5:33).

A. Definition in of the term.

“Reverence” = Respects, regards, notices, honors, prefers, venerates, fears (literal word), esteems, praises, loves, admires exceedingly.

B. Reverence him, don't try to _____ him.

1. A wife is not her husband's personalized _____.
2. Express _____.
3. Be _____ despite circumstances.
4. Be _____ in spite of emotions.
5. _____ him when he does well.
6. _____ him when he fails.

C. Results of not reverencing:

Resentment, _____, tension, destruction of love, discouragement, depression, hindering _____ work through you

D. Important things to remember:

1. God has a _____ and God's plan _____.
2. _____ him as he is (1 Jn. 4:11).
3. Remember that you _____ him.
4. Deal with your own log _____ (Matt. 7:3-5).
5. Give your _____ to God (Phil. 2:3-9).
6. Communicate _____ and in _____ (Eph. 4:25-32).

SCORE CARD FOR WIVES

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If you honestly evaluate yourself by this score card, you will be able to discern where you are failing and where you need to improve to be the helper God wants you to be to your husband. **If you really want to know how you are doing, ask your husband to rate you.**

Rating scale: never = 0; seldom = 1; sometimes = 2; frequently = 3; almost always = 4

1. Do you try to make your home interesting, attractive, cheerful, a place of rest and relaxation – devoting as much thought and study to it as you would to a job downtown? _____
2. Do you serve meals that are enticing in variety and attractiveness? _____
3. Do you handle the finances that are your responsibility in a business-like fashion? _____
4. Do you keep yourself attractive in appearance in order that your husband may be glad to have everyone know you are his wife? _____
5. Are you a good sport, cheerful, uncomplaining, appreciative, and not a nag? _____
6. Are you willing to let your husband have his own way and the last word when you disagree? _____
7. Do you avoid making a fuss over trifles and solve minor problems that you should handle alone? _____
8. Do you show respect and admiration for him, not comparing him unfavorably with other men, but making him think that you esteem him above all other men? _____
9. Do you prevent your mother and other relatives from intruding unduly and show courtesy and consideration to his relatives? _____
10. Do you take a sympathetic and intelligent interest in his business, yet leave him a free hand, realizing that he must sometimes give time to his business that you would rather have him give to you? _____
11. Do you cultivate an interest in his friends and recreations, so you can make a satisfactory partner of his leisure hours? _____
12. Do you pray regularly with and for your husband and maintain a good devotional life? _____
13. Do you seek his counsel on important decisions? _____
14. Do you support his decisions and cheerfully assist him in fulfilling them? _____
15. Do you show respect and esteem for him with the children and other people? _____
16. Do you lovingly share your ideas, problems, joys, interests, and affection with him on a regular basis? _____
17. Do you enthusiastically and unselfishly seek to satisfy his sexual desires? _____