

What Submission Is Not

1. Submission is not merely a concept for women. (Eph. 5:21; Phil 2:3,4; I Pet. 5:5; Rom. 13:1; Heb. 13:17)
2. Submission does not mean that the wife becomes a slave. (Prov. 31:10-31)
3. Submission does not mean that the wife never opens her mouth, never has an opinion, never gives advice. (Prov. 31:26; Acts 18:26; Judges 13:21-23)
4. Submission does not mean that the wife becomes a wallflower who folds up and allows her abilities to lie dormant. (Prov. 31)
5. Submission does not mean that the wife is inferior to the husband. (Gen. 1:26, 27; 2:23; Gal. 3:28)

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1. Scripture indicates that it is the wife's responsibility to make herself submissive. (Eph. 5:22, I Pet. 3:1)
2. Scripture indicates that the wife's submission is to be continuous. (Eph. 5:22, I Pet. 3:1)
3. Wifely submission is mandatory, not optional. (Eph. 5:21, 22, I Pet. 3:1)
4. Wifely submission is a spiritual matter. It is to be done "as the Lord." The Lord commands the wife to be submissive. (Eph. 5:22)
5. Submission is a positive, not negative, concept.
6. Submission involves the wife's attitudes as well as her actions. (John 4:34)
7. Wifely submission is to be extensive. (Eph. 5:24)

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