

How to be a Godly Wife Eph. 5:22-24

God's desire for a wife is to submit to her husband.

- Gal. 3:28 only concerns equal access to the gospel.
- Submission elsewhere—Col. 3:18, I Peter 3:1, 5,6, Titus 2:3ff.
- What *submission* actually means:
Eph.1:22, Js. 4:7 (syn. *w/obey* in 6:1,5; both in I Pt. 3:5,6)
- What *submission* does not mean:
Submission ≠ inferior, Jn. 6:38, 14:31, Phil. 2:8, Lk. 2:51
- How *submission* is further clarified:
“ . . . in everything” cf. Col. 3:20, Titus 3:9, but see Acts 5:29
“ . . . as to the Lord” cf. 6:7, Col. 3:22
- Note respect (*reverence*) is added in 5:33 as well.

God has reasons for a wife submitting to her husband.

- Husband's headship, I Cor. 11:3,8,9 (parallels Christ / church).
- Submission for wives is fitting, Col. 3:18.
- Submission for wives is a good testimony, Titus 2:3ff.

Question: Why such a concern for wives being submissive and respectful rather than to be loving?

