

MPVIII Wife Submit to Husband

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*“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;”
1 Peter 3:1.*

As previously mentioned, the only way to have an everlasting, equality, and very successful marriage is for the two biblical principles to exist. Regardless what others say, regardless whether you want to believe it or not, regardless whether the principle that applies to the wife might sound very sexist and politically incorrect, if any of the two biblical principles for marriage does not exist in the marriage, the marriage will fail. It does not matter what Dr. Phil or Oprah might tell you.

Unfortunately 1 Peter 3:1 is one of the first verses that a husband will turn to when he is having problems with his wife. It is verses like this that he might scream “amen” to when quoted from the pulpit because he will believe that it is indeed the infallible Word of God. But unfortunately at the same time, the husband who is shouting “amen” might not necessarily believe the rest of the verses that apply to him.

If the husband fails to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Ephesians 5:25), then both will be most miserable and will be “looking for love in all the wrong places.” Without love, the wife will not submit to the husband. If the wife does submit to the husband when love is absent, it is a dictatorship that is taking place. Therefore it will not be a godly marriage. It has very well been said that “headship is not dictatorship, but the loving exercise of divine authority under the lordship of Jesus Christ.”

Because I am saying that a wife must submit to her husband’s authority as unto Christ does not mean in any way, shape or form that I am being a sexist or even degrading the woman in anyway. I am against husbands that insult their wife, mistreats them, physically abuses them, and abuses his authority over her. I do not believe that the wife is and should be her husbands slave as many believe. I don’t believe in the “macho” attitude. But I do believe that both should serve each other and consider each others needs. I also believe in the authority that God Himself has placed over the home. As Ephesians 5:22-24 says, “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*” Colossians 3:18 says, “*Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.*”

A home that fears God and honors God and His Word will stay together. A husband that honors God will in no way mistreat his wife. A wife that believes in God and believes that His Word is infallible will submit to the authority of her husband and at the same time will submit to the

authority of Christ. Unfortunately many of today's marriages are failing because they lack these two biblical principles.

Is your marriage failing? Then stop looking for answers in all the wrong places. Jesus is the answer. If you are a husband that is having difficult problems in your marriage, then you need to humble yourself and love your wife as you need to and as the bible commands it. Are you a wife having marital problems? Try submitting to your husband's authority as you do unto the Lord. Why would you even consider leaving her or him? And why go through the much emotional pain and financial strain of divorce? Why not forgive each other as Christ has forgiven us?

Remember the love that you both had when you first met? Remember that you both would do anything for each other? Go back to that. Husband, become romantic once again with your wife, open the car door for her as she gets in, and send her flowers once in a while. It wouldn't hurt you one bit if you were to surprise her and clean the house for her either or even wash the dishes. Wife, give him another chance. Divorce should not take place.