

FAMILY MATTERS PT. 3: THE ROLE OF THE WIFE

1. GOD'S DESIGN FOR A WIFE: CREATED TO BE A

_____ (GEN. 2:18)

This is NOT a _____ role. (Hebrews 13:6 same Greek word)

2. HOW THE HELPER ROLE IS ACCOMPLISHED

A. _____ (Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Pet. 3:1-6)

Looking for _____ #1

- The Greek word can mean something else, right?
- ὑποτάσσω hupotassō
- “to _____ or rank under; to _____”
- Same word used in James 4:7; Luke 2:51

**B. Submissions is an act of Function or _____, not of _____ or worth.
(1 Cor. 11:3)**

**Jesus is absolutely equal to the Father in essence, substance and worth, but
Jesus willingly subordinates himself to the Father in function. (Phil. 2:5-7)**

3. WHAT 1 PETER TEACHES US ABOUT SUBMISSION (THE LONG PASSAGE ON THE SUBJECT)

A. Submission is _____ and _____, not externally coerced
(1 Pet. 3:1).

B. Submission is _____ (1 Pet. 3:1)

Looking for Loopholes #2:

- “My husband is not a Christian/My husband is not a ‘good’ Christian”
- “Be subject...even if some do _____ obey the word.” (1 Pet. 3:1)
- C. Submission is _____ in God’s eyes (1 Pet. 3:3-4)

D. A “Likewise” to Open Our Eyes (1 Pet. 3:1)

- i. “Likewise” points to the of 1 Peter 2:13-25
- ii. Submission is God’s _____ (1 Pet. 2:15)
Looking for Loopholes #3:
 - “My husband is not a _____ man/My husband is not a respectable man”
 - “Be subject, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the _____.” (1 Pet. 2:18)
- iii. Submitting in _____ situations is a gracious thing in the sight of the Lord. (1 Pet 2:19-20)
 - NOTE: If your spouse is abusive to you or your kids, seek help.
 - QUESTION To Consider: Am I more concerned about being right or doing right?
 - KEY POINT: Submission is not exercised when there is _____.
 - Submission happens precisely when there is _____.
- iv. The Example of Jesus (1 Pet. 2:21ff)
 - 1. *Maintain _____ (1 Pet. 2:22)*
 - a. *The temptation when you are treated unjustly as a wife is to move from submission to _____.*
 - b. *Submission is ultimately not about husband and wife, but wife and _____.*
 - 2. *Trust God to _____ (1 Pet. 2:23; see also 1 Pet. 3:2)*
 - a. *You are not going to win your husband over by being _____*
 - 3. *Trust God to _____ (1 Pet. 2:23)*
 - a. *Appeal, Don’t’ _____.*
 - 4. *Jesus has given us a better way to live. (1 Pet. 2:24)*

HOW DO YOU NEED TO RESPOND?

1. HOW/WHY AM I RESISTING GOD’S DESIGN

2. WHAT DO I NEED TO REPENT OF?

3. WHAT DO I NEED TO TRUST GOD FOR?

*The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.
Proverbs 14:1*