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Dude, Submission's Not Just for Your Wife!

THERE ARE TONS OF BOOKS and websites and posts out there about the SECRET of having a Great marriage...

Some are DECENT... most are WORLDLY...

The 3 Cs of a Successful Marriage

The 7 7 7 Rule for Marriage

The 3 P's that will kill your marriage

My Favorite... The 666 Rule for an Awesome Marriage (Sounds ominous...)

"John—what's the 666 Rule for an Awesome Marriage?"

(This one's obviously from a Woman...)

- *Find a guy who's over 6' Tall*
- *Who has 6-pack Abs*
- *And earns over 6 Figures.*

GOD says... "Want to know the secret?"

LOOK AT Ephesians 5:31-32 ^{ESV}

³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This **mystery** is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

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God's Secret to a Spirit-filled Marriage

That EVEN MOST CHRISTIANS are clueless abt

It's sadly a MYSTERY to them...

Ephesians 5:15 [P. 1081]

Whenever preachers dare to even bring up that word – *submit*—many WIVES AND many HUSBANDS hear the wrong thing.

Biblical submission *isn't* about inequality.

Biblical submission *is* about _____ !

"Man John – I LOVED your sermon on WIVES BEING SUBMISSIVE last week!"

It doesn't *end* there... Biblical submission isn't *JUST* for the little lady!

Ephesians 5:21 ^{ESV}

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Here's the message in this video...

**Dude, Submission's Not
Just For Your Wife!**

Wives have a high calling, to *Submit to Leadership*

Husbands, you have a *HIGHER CALLING!*

Husbands are called to *Submit to Love*.

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MEN, YOU are called by God to, *by his Holy Spirit's power, to submit to her in the area where she needs it the most... LOVE*

I DO love her!

I get out of bed and go to work – that's love!

I investigate every noise she hears at night – that's love!

HERE'S WHAT MANY OF YOU GUYS ARE MISSING:

Ephesians 5:17-18 ^{ESV}

*¹⁷Therefore do not be **foolish** [*"stupid"* ^{CEV}], but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸... **be filled with the Spirit...***

**Don't be stupid,
Be Spirit-filled!**

In Scripture, being _____ means living as if God didn't exist.

*Conducting your **everyday affairs** – and worse, **your MARRIAGE**, as if His perspective on marriage isn't relevant.*

It's HIS invention!

The reason we have so many failed marriages today...

*We have **thrown away the original plan and design** that God has given.*

*We are **DOING Marriage** – **STUPIDLY!***

What Spirit Filled Wives and Husbands DO...

1. A Spirit-filled wife _____ by following her husband's leadership.

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Ephesians 5:22-24 ^{ESV}

²²*Wives, submit to your own husbands, **as to the Lord**.* ²³*For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*

²⁴*Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

Reason to Do It → It's Biblical roles! (23-24)

Let me say this though, guys...

Quit making it HARD for her to do what God commands her to do!

“What do you mean?”

No godly woman
wants to be in submission
to a man who isn't in submission
to God!

A Spirit-filled wife submits by following her husband's leadership...

2. A Spirit-filled husband _____ by learning to love his wife.

Ephesians 5:21 ^{ESV}

²¹***submitting*** to one another out of reverence for Christ.

God's specific command to you, buddy, is to LOVE HER as SHE needs to be loved!

Recent survey shows 63% of married U.S. women say they would rather do *something else* than have sex with their husbands.

- 1) *Catch an extra hour of sleep*
- 2) *Watch a movie*
- 3) *Or read a book*

If she's working in the workplace – and she comes home, *she's probably worked just as hard and long as you have*. If **she's a stay-at-home mom with one or more wild and restless, only partially-housebroken children**; *cooking their meals, wiping their butts, washing their diapers, paying the bills and coordinating the household*, and **THEN you come home and wonder why she doesn't want to drag you to the bedroom**, ripping your shirt off on the way!

Write this down somewhere...

Men are _____ .

Women are _____ .

Most of us weren't taught *HOW* our wives need to be *LOVED*.

1 Peter 3:4–7 ^{NLT}

*⁵This is how the holy women of old **made themselves beautiful**. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands...*

*⁷In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. **Treat your wife with understanding as you live together**. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.*

THIS passage will show you – *frustrated hubby* – what you're doing wrong!

1. _____ *yourself for herself* ^(5:25b)

She needs to be loved sacrificially

Ephesians 5:25-31 ^{ESV}

*²⁵Husbands, **love** your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,*

“Well—what does that even mean?”

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Sacrifice *your* self, *your* comfort, *your* schedule...

*Surrender your **preferences** to meet her very real needs!*

A Spirit-filled husband *submits* by learning to love his wife.

If you're unwilling to give up whatever is necessary for her, she can tell.

It makes her responsibility of submission that much more difficult.

Jesus saw His disciples had dirty feet and no one was volunteering to wash them, so HE got a bowl of water and some washcloths and washed their stinking, grimy, camel-poop stained feet!

*Then He said in **John 13:13-14** ^{ESV}*

¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am.

¹⁴If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

THAT'S the way you show your headship in the home.

Lead as Jesus did. It is called servant leadership.

Instead of dying physically – how about dying to **ego** and **pride** and **selfishness** and **laziness**???

Sacrifice yourself for herself ^(5:25b)

2. Help her become a _____ wife

(5:26-27)

Ephesians 5:25-31 ^{ESV}

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

²⁷so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

Your job—according to Scripture—is to mimic what Jesus does for the CHURCH.

Look at what He's laying down here...

Sanctify her - to ***dedicate*** to service and loyalty to God; to cause one to have the quality of holiness¹

SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP:
*The husband partnering WITH God
in sanctifying his wife FOR God.*

That means YOU are supposed to do everything you can to help HER to grow as a *Child of God – into the Woman of God that He means her to be!*

Quit making her drag your butt to church!

Quit making her be the main discipler of your kids!

If God says something and Hollywood says the opposite—who are you going to believe?

1 Peter 3:3–5 ^{NLT}

³*Don't be concerned about the outward beauty of fancy hairstyles, expensive jewelry, or beautiful clothes.*

⁴*You should clothe yourselves instead with the beauty that comes from within, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is so precious to God.*

⁵*This is how the holy women of old made themselves beautiful. They put their trust in God and accepted the authority of their husbands.*

That's the trophy wife god wants you to help her become!

Ephesians 5:25-31 ^{ESV}

²⁶*that he might sanctify her, having **cleansed** her by the washing of water with the word,*

How about starting where many of you are stuck?

¹ James Swanson, *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains: Greek (New Testament)* (Oak Harbor: Logos Research Systems, Inc., 1997).

*At that **first step** of spiritual growth **by the washing of water** – many think this is an allusion to baptism.*

***HUSBAND** – you say you're the leader of your home? Then lead here!*

***With the Word** – The NLT has it “washed by the cleansing of God's Word”*

***HUSBAND** – you say **YOU'RE** the leader of your home? Then lead here!*

***Get in the Word of God** and encourage her to get in the Word of God!*

Encourage her to discover and use her Spiritual Gifts in God's church.

***Help her free up some time** – **YOU** watch the kids sometimes so she can get a **sanity break** and a **serving break**!*

CHRISTIAN HUSBAND—LOOK AT THIS...

*My wife's spiritual, inner beauty
is a direct reflection
of my spiritual leadership.*

Ephesians 5:25-31 ^{ESV}

*²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having **cleansed** her by ⁱthe washing of water ^jwith the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in **splendor**, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.*

present the church to himself** – to **raise up** and **exhibit

***splendor** – honor, radiance, expensive*

***spot** – stain, blemish, disgrace.*

***wrinkle** – imperfection*

***without blemish** – without defect*

Your chief assignment from God is to make your wife a more radiantly beautiful Christian. *How?*

ⁱ Titus 3:5; [Rev. 7:14]
^j ch. 6:17; Heb. 6:5; See John 15:3

- 1) Pray for her.
- 2) Lead her.
- 3) Love her and protect her *spiritually*.

You guys who try to get your wife to watch porn.
You dudes who enable her addictions.
You husbands who cuss which leads her to cuss (because you're the *leader*).
You dudes who have affairs—you're tempting her to get even by having one!

**My job isn't to make her TRASHY,
It's to make her a TROPHY!
*A trophy of God's grace!***

3. _____ ***that little lady*** (5:28-30)

Ephesians 5:25-31 ^{ESV}

*²⁸In the same way (as Christ loved the church) husbands should love their wives **as their own bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body.*

"No one abuses his own body, does he? No, he feeds and pampers it. That's how Christ treats us, the church..."

*As the church is the extension of Christ, so is the wife an "extension" of her husband.
Of his body.*

When she hurts and you say, ***"Ah, come-on girl, get over it!"***

If she's HURTING
She wants to be HEARD.

When YOU slam your thumb with a framing hammer – you want *her* to say, ***"Poor baby! Oh honey, it looks so bad!"***

"Suck it up buttercup! How uncoordinated are you? Next time, hold the nail with some pliers – There, fixed it for you!"

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²⁹ For no one ever **hated** his own flesh, but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it, just as Christ does the church,

cherishes – to warm, comfort, to pamper

Be a real gentleman.

Be gentle with your wife!

Reason to Do It → It Benefits Me! ⁽²⁷⁻³⁰⁾

²⁸ In the same way (as Christ loved the church) husbands should love their wives **as their own bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Pamper that little lady...

4. _____ **you two** ^(5:31)

³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and **hold fast to his wife**, and the two shall become one flesh.”

hold fast - to be united to, to stick to, to glue to

You're married now! One Flesh!

*After you vow to put your wife first in front of God and those witnesses
– you better do it!*

You know what Wives want more than just about anything?

She wants _____ !

To know that you are really, biblically SUPERGLUED to Her

That you really are ONE FLESH – ONE PERSON...

Have a problem with her submitting to *YOU*, husband?

Start submitting to HER – by loving her as she needs to be loved

She'll have NO PROBLEM following your leadership—
if you lead her like Jesus leads the Church!

- 1. Sacrifice you-self for herself***
- 2. Help her become a trophy wife***
- 3. Pamper that little lady***
- 4. Superglue you two***

She's a responder!

You're supposed to be the leader!