



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Ephesians 5:21-24
1 Peter 3:1-6

Submit

- When we understand to context we can better understand the expectation
- Ephesians 5 is a continuation of the thought started in chapter 4 - unity in the body of Christ
- 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ
- In the original Greek there is no verb in verse 22. It is assumed that you will carry over the verb from the previous sentence. Doing so means it must carry the same meaning.

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- Wives are addressed first and then husbands.
- A wife is to submit to the leadership of her husband just like the church submits to the leadership of Jesus.
- Jesus is the protector, provider, and leader of the church.
- A husband is to be the protector, provider, and leader of his wife.
- Jesus submitted to the will of God the Father (Lk 22:42; Jn 5:30)

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- Submission is not:
 - the absence of independence
 - the absence of will
 - the absence of individuality
 - slavery
 - inferiority or lesser worth

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- Submission is a willful yielding to another leadership and authority.
- Commentator Matthew Henry wrote, “The woman was made out of Adam’s side. She was not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be loved.”

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- No where in scripture is the idea ever conveyed that men and women are not equals.
- A wife is to be under her husbands leadership but not under every other man
- Not a social expectation

1 Peter 3

- Peter is addressing a new problem being faced in the church.
- Many more women were becoming Christians and they were wondering how they should respond to their unsaved husbands.
- Submission is more than just actions it's an attitude of the heart.

1 Peter 3

- A wife's submission is a powerful expression of her trust in God
 - A witness
 - Not dependent on husband's worthiness
 - Her trust in God - "as to the Lord" Eph 5:22

1 Peter 3

- Beauty
 - A wife's beauty comes from her inner self
 - There is nothing wrong with wanting to look good but your beauty comes from the kind of heart you have.
 - v4 gentle and quiet spirit is of great worth in God's sight (peaceful)

1 Peter 3

- Sarah's example
 - She submitted to Abraham even when it was hard and he was wrong
 - honor
 - attitude

Proverbs 31

- Her husband has full confidence in her
- She gets up while it is still dark
- She considers a field and buys it
- She is clothed with strength and dignity



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