

You Want Me To WHAT?!

Ephesians 5:22-24

Introduction

I Submission: What Is It?

A. What we're not talking about

Hupakouo = Obedience

It is used for children, slaves, soldiers, servants

It means to line up under someone out of duty

B. What we are talking about

Hupotasso = Submission

It is used of wives and voluntary submission

It means to line up under someone out of devotion

C. What it isn't

1. It isn't a concept just for women - Eph 5:21

2. It isn't another word for slavery - Prov 31:10-31

3. It doesn't make the wife speechless - Prov 31:26

4. It doesn't make the wife a wallflower - Prov 31

5. It doesn't mean the wife is inferior - Gal 3:28

II Submission: The Motivation

A. God commands it - Col 3:18; Titus 2:4-5; 1 Pet 3:1-2

1. They are to submit to their husbands in everything...

a. Just as they are to submit to the Lord

b. Just as the church is subject to Christ

B. It is an act of obedience to God - Heb 5:7-9; Rom 13:1-2

C. It is a reflection of Christ and the church - Eph 5:22-24

D. It protects the wife - 1 Cor 11:3

III Submission: The Limits

A. What if my husband is an unbeliever? - 1 Pet 3:1-6

B. What if my husband wants me to sin? - Ex. 1:15-21;

Acts 5:27-29

C. What if my husband is abusive?

a. Adultery? - Matt 5:32

b. Physical violence?

c. Emotional abuse? - 1 Cor 7:20-24

D. What if my Christian husband is ungodly? - Matt 18:15-17

IV Submission: The Benefits

A. It leads to change - 1 Pet 3:1

B. It leads to spiritual and physical beauty - 1 Pet 3:3-5

C. It leads to a good testimony - Titus 2:5

D. It leads to God's blessing - 1 Pet 3:4

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

1. What kind of impact does the word, "submission" have on the average person? On the average Christian women? What kind of effect does it have on you?
2. List the ways in which the Christian is to submit to the leadership of Jesus Christ? How does this relate to the wife's duty to submit to her husband? Give some practical examples.
3. Does the fact that God requires the wife to submit to her husband mean that women are inferior in any way to men? Why or why not? [Hint: Read Galatians 3:26-28]
4. It is not uncommon for a Christian woman to say, "I would be willing to submit to my husband, if he treated me like Christ treats the church!" Although understandable, why is this statement unbiblical? [Hint: Read 1 Peter 3:1-6]
5. Ask God to give you a heart that is first yielded to Him and then to your husband. Determine by God's grace to joyfully and gladly come under the leadership of your husband knowing that you will be protected by God and experience the many benefits of obeying God.

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