

Ephesians Bible Study
Lesson 19 Questions
Ephesians 5:22-24

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Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 making the most of your time, because the days are evil. 17 So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.

Eph 5:22-24

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

I trust that you accept this text as the inspired Word of God, which is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness (2 Tim. 3:16). But because it goes so strongly against our cultural mindset, we must guard our hearts with the counsel of God in Ephesians 5:15-21. Verse 21 leads us directly into the context of our passage today. 'be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.'

Hupotasso(Hoop-ot-as'- so) – Greek

1. to arrange under, to subordinate
2. to subject, put in subjection
3. to subject one's self, obey
4. to submit to one's control
5. to yield to one's admonition or advice
6. to obey, be subject

A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

Looking at the 6 points above in the Greek word Hupotasso(subject), explain how submission as described here gives you a better understanding of submission to God and to your husband or a potential husband if you are not married. In the explanation of the non-military use, how might you explain submission to a young woman newly married or preparing for marriage?

1. Has God made a spiritual or moral distinction between male and female in that one is more important than another? Read the following verses and explain your answer. Use additional scriptures if necessary. Genesis 1:27; John 13:16; Gal 3:26-29; Acts 10:34-35; Phil. 2:3; Romans 2:11;

Clearly we see that there are no classifications of Christians. But in matters of role and function, God has made distinctions. Although there are no distinctions in intrinsic worth, basic spiritual privilege and rights, He has given rulers in government certain authority, church leaders over their congregation, husbands authority over their wives, parents over children and employers over their employees. As we study verses 22-24, God helps women see the importance of their priorities and roll in relation to her husband's authority.

2. Regarding our role in marriage, look up the following verses and write out the importance of viewing your role as a wife in a biblical manner. Genesis 2:18; Ephesians 5:33; Col. 3:18; Titus 2:4; Proverbs 31:10-27;

3. Would it be difficult to submit to your husband if you have problems submitting completely to the Lord? What would be signs that you are not completely submitted to the Lord?

4. Give some examples of ways you might get around not submitting to your husband.

5. How would you encourage someone to submit to their husband when they believe that he doesn't deserve their submission? Ephesians 5:22-23; 1 Cor 11:9; Titus 2:4; 1 Peter 3:1-2

6. Is there any biblical reason why a woman wouldn't submit to her husband?
Acts 5:29; Romans 13:1-7; Acts 5:1-11

7. Explain the difference between a biblical reason and not agreeing on an issue that might lead to not submitting.

8. In what situation in your marriage would you see God allowing you to take the leadership role in your family? Give scripture to back up your answer.
