



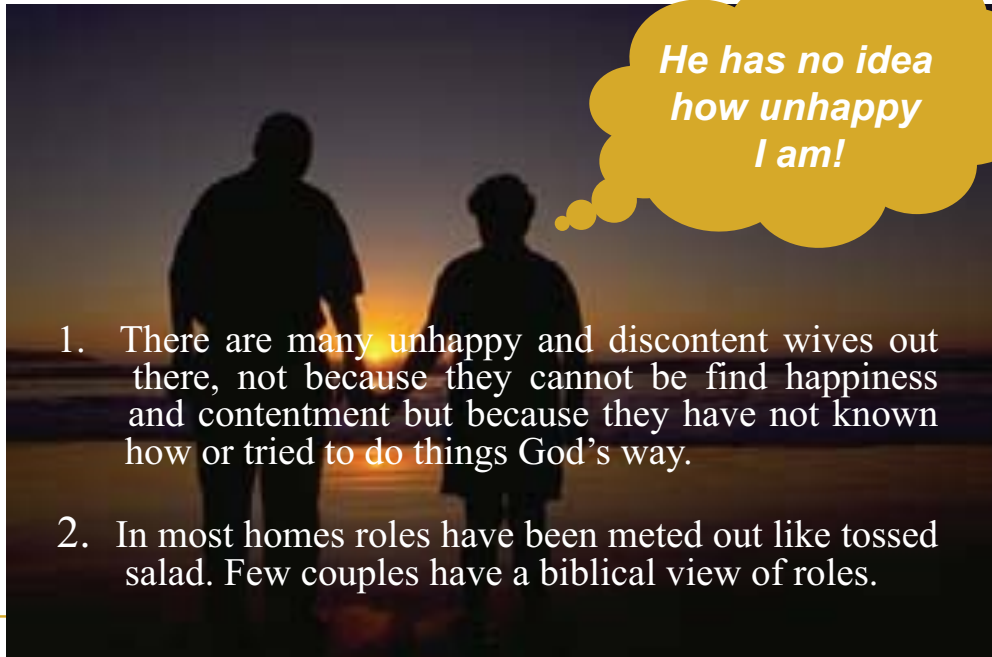
III. God's Design For Wives

A Biblical & Theological View of a Wife's Role

Here is an illustration of what some wives really think of their husbands...



Introductory counseling issues:



*He has no idea
how unhappy
I am!*

1. There are many unhappy and discontent wives out there, not because they cannot be find happiness and contentment but because they have not known how or tried to do things God's way.
2. In most homes roles have been meted out like tossed salad. Few couples have a biblical view of roles.

What does “submission” mean to you?



Many women think this... Or this...



I. The Christian wife practices

SUBMISSION! (Eph. 5:22-24; 1 Peter 3:1)

A. What it is not!

1. It doesn't mean inequality.
2. It doesn't mean the infallibility of the husband.
3. It doesn't mean immobility.
4. It doesn't mean inarticulation.
5. It doesn't mean intellectual stagnation.
6. It doesn't mean influence is impossible.
7. It doesn't mean iniquitous manipulation.

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B. What it is!

1. It is a divine plan of function and order. (military term: soldiers in rank, marching in order)
 2. It is a way of life for every believer. (Eph. 5:21)
 3. It is a protection for the wife. (like an umbrella)
 4. It is an attitude. "As unto the Lord."
 5. It is an act of the will and not a feeling.
 6. It is a proof of her love.
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7. It is an all-inclusive command.
8. It is a proper relationship to God's authority.
9. It is a way to stay youthful.
10. It is a picture of how the Church of Jesus Christ is to obey Him.



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C. On what is the wife's submission based?

GODLY SUBMISSION

3. It is a lesson God wants taught.

2. It is based on Eve's fall into sin.

1. It is based on the order of creation.

II. The Christian wife is a **SUITABLE**

HELPER! (Genesis 2:18)

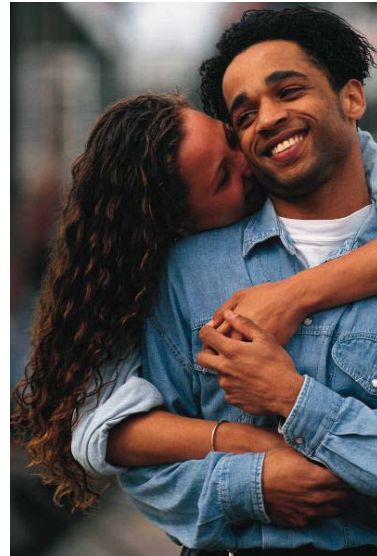
- A. Someone who is ideally suited. She is his perfect complement.
- B. Her husband is her primary ministry.
- C. She will find her greatest joy and contentment in that role.
- D. She is a contributing member of a partnership.



III. The Christian wife is SELFLESSLY REVERENT! (Ephesians 5:33)

A. What it means?

- ♥ It means to honor, prefer, venerate, esteem, praise, love, admire exceedingly.
- ♥ She is to hold him in the highest esteem within her heart and mind.

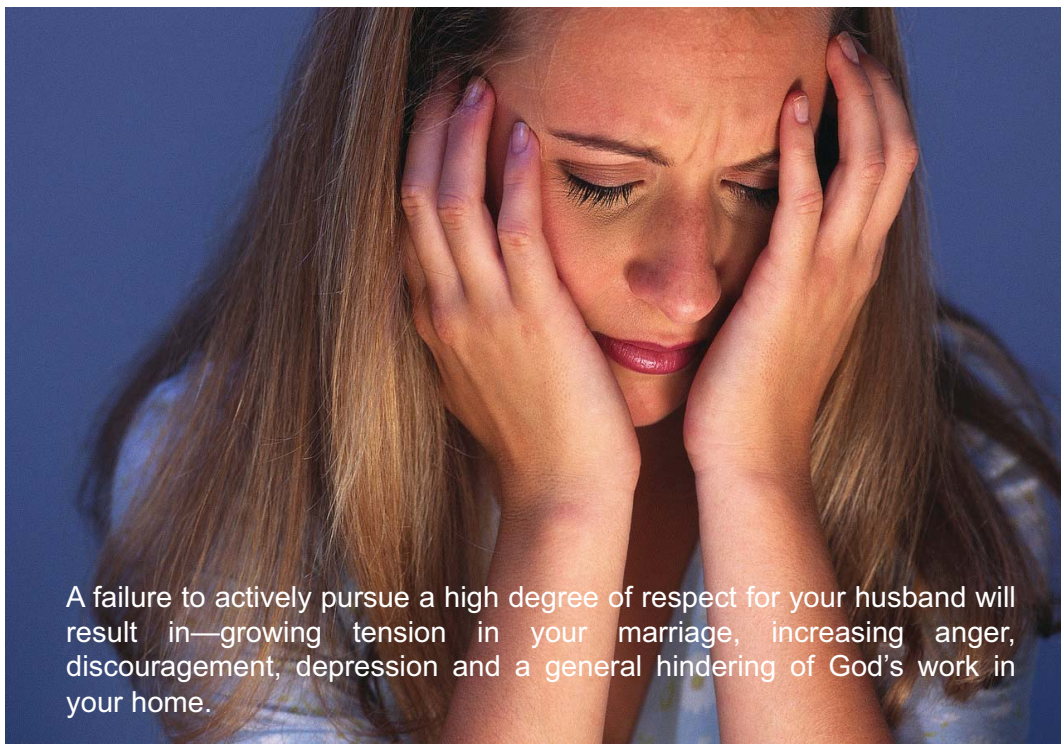


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B. What it doesn't mean?

- ♥ Reverence him don't try to revamp him.
 - ♥ Focusing on his negatives becomes your excuse not to obey.
 - ♥ Failure to do so will destroy her love.
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A failure to actively pursue a high degree of respect for your husband will result in—growing tension in your marriage, increasing anger, discouragement, depression and a general hindering of God’s work in your home.