

“Submission” Is Not A Dirty Word

Surrender. That’s the underlying message of a happy marriage. Ironically, submission is strength.

I thank God for women who choose to go against societal pressure by serving their family and their husband. It creates a dynamic where the husband is acting more like a man, and treating his wife the way she wants to be treated. This was God’s plan from the beginning!

The Bible says, *“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing”* (Ephesians 5:22-24). Paul again writes, *“Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression”* (1 Timothy 2:11-14).

“Submission” means to defer to another person’s judgment, opinion, or decision. It does not mean slavery; it means you trust God’s wisdom (as stated above) and your husband. If that trust exists because he is the kind of godly man described in the scriptures, submission is completely natural. Unfortunately, women assume that deferring to a man means women are not strong or capable all on their own. That was the line their generation was sold, but it just is not true. The fake version of “equality” women have been taught undermines love. The tools women were taught to be successful in the workplace are the same set of tools that will make a mess of their love lives.

A “Today Show” online survey asked the public whether or not they agreed with this statement: “To be truly feminine means being soft and receptive and look out, here it comes, submissive.” A whopping 55% agreed that embracing femininity and being submissive is the way to go. Only 19% disagreed! I am so encouraged by this silent majority. It believes marriage is about embracing the pattern God created, rather than trying to make the sexes interchangeable in the name of “equality.” We do not need a revolution to make men and women equal. They are already equal in the sight of God (Galatians 3:28).

But they are very different. A woman’s femininity, for example, is very powerful. It does not lower her status or preclude her from being an

independent woman (Proverbs 31:10-31). For a woman, when it comes to love, surrender. It is okay to let your guard down. It is okay to be submissive to your husband.

Being married is a form of service. Get comfortable taking care of your husband. If he's one of the godly guys, I promise: you will be glad you did.

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