



Wives who are like the _____

1. She is an honorer through loving submission (Eph 5:24, 33; Titus 2:5)
 - What Submission Is NOT:
 - Isn't to be equated with putting the husband in the place of Christ (Col 1:18; 1 Pet 2:13; 1 John 5:21)
 - Submission isn't to be equated with giving up independent thought and becoming intellectually stagnant (Col 3:16; Judges 13:21-23; Prov 1:8; 31:26)
 - Submission isn't giving up all efforts to influence her husband (1 Pet 3:1-2; Prov 31:26)
 - Isn't to be equated with giving in to every demand of the husband (ex. Acts 5:19; Ex 1:17; Dan 3)
 - Submission isn't the same as being fearful or timid (Prov 29:25; 1 Pet 3:6)
 - Submission isn't letting her gifts lie dormant and becoming immobile (Prov 31:10ff; Rom 12:6ff; 1 Pet 4:10)
 - Submission isn't believing her husband is infallible (Luke 2:51; Heb 13:17)
 - Submission isn't based on a wife's inferiority to her husband (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:3; Gen 1:26-27; 2:23)
 - What Submission IS:
 - Biblical definition of the word
 - The word submission is a translation of two Greek words *hupo*=under; *tasso*=to place, order or station; together mean – to arrange or place yourself in order under
 - “Submission is a divine calling of the wife to honor, affirm, and nurture her husband's leadership and to help carry it through according to her gifts” (John Piper).
 - Submission is God's way (perfect, all wise, all loving) of attaining and maintaining function and order in the home (examples – Rom 13:1; 1 Tim 3; 1 Pet 5; Eph 5; 1 Cor 11:3)
 - Submission is a way of life for all believers (examples – Eph 5:21; Phil 2:3-4; Eph 5:22; 6:1, 5; 1 Pet 5:5-6; Rom 13; James 4; Heb 13:17)
 - Submission includes reverence and dedication toward her husband (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:24)
 - The wife's submission is a spiritual matter for a wife in three senses
 - The manner – “as to the Lord” (Eph 5:22)

- The model – “as the church submits to Christ” (Eph 5:24)
 - The means – “be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18)
 - Submission is a personal matter (Eph 5:22) – “wives, **you** place **yourselves** under the authority of **your own** husbands”
 - Submission is a comprehensive matter (Eph 5:22, 24) – “in everything”
 - Submission is a volitional matter: you must choose to be submissive (Phil 2:8; Matt 26:36-44; Eph 5:22)
 - Submission is a practical matter (1 Pet 3:1-6; Prov 31:10-12; 21:9,19; 12:4, 14:1; 2 Cor 5:9; Eph 5:33)
 - Submission is not always “fair” (1 Pet 2:19-23)
2. She is a helper through faithful companionship (Gen 2:18)
- She complements her husband as his companion
 - She uses her many gifts and abilities to assist her husband (Prov 31:10-31)
 - She finds fulfillment in helping her husband in his service for God (1 Cor 11:7-9)
 - Communicating in submission
 - Showing confidence in his decisions (1 Cor 13:4-8)
 - Being grateful to him (Rom 13:7)
 - Maintaining a good spiritual life (1 Pet 2:2)
 - Offering suggestions, advice, and corrections when needed in a loving fashion (Prov 31:26)
3. She is a homemaker through active service
- In-home ministry (Titus 2:4-5; Prov 1:8; Eph 6:1)
 - Walking with God
 - Walking and working with her husband
 - Walking and working with her children (if any)
 - The home is the sphere in which she fulfills her God-given responsibilities.
 - Outside-home ministry (Prov 31) – is always limited, depending on current circumstances and ability

- Proverbs 31 Model
 - She makes the home a safe place (Prov 31:10-31)
 - She is trustworthy and dependable (Prov 31:11-12)
 - She is organized and productive (Prov 31:13-14)
 - She is enterprising (Prov 31:16-19)
 - She is generous as a neighbor (Prov 31:20)
 - She is a teacher (Prov 31:25-26)