**Husband is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of his wife (Eph 5:25)**

1. Some popularviews
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_view (1 Cor 13:4-7)
3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_example

* Initiatory (1 John 4:19)
* Sacrificial (Eph 5:25)
* Humble (Phil 2:3-4)
* Volitional (John 15:16)
* Contra-conditional (Rom 5:8)
* Eternal and committed (Rom 8:39)
* Forgiving (Col 3:13)
* Purifying and constructive (Eph 5:26-27)
* Practical (1 John 3:18)

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ways for a husband to love his wife

* Telling her (verbal & non–verbal)
* Appreciating her
* Making time for her—requires scheduling
* Communicating
* Sharing
* Providing for her (Eph 5:29; 1 Tim 5:8)
* Promoting her growth and development
* Treating her as priority—Your love for her should supersede all other loves in your life (except love for God)
* Initiating love—You don't wait, but take the lead
* As you love yourself (Eph 5:28-29)
* Includes cherishing and nourishing

**He is a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of his wife (1 Pet 3:7)**

1. The Command—Our culture says you can't understand a woman. Yet God says not only that you can, but that you must.

* Takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—If God says to do it, you have the time; you must prioritize it
* Takes \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—You live with your wife in an understanding way (1 Pet 3:7)
2. The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_—Your wife's problem is your problem. If it's important to her, it must be to you as well.

**He is a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **-**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **for his wife**

1. What Godly Leadership is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* A \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(Matt 20:25) - Pagans exercise dominion and want to control.
* He doesn't demand submission.
* His home is not his castle.
* He doesn't expect his wife to serve him.
* He doesn't force his wife to accept his opinion or preference.
* He is not mean and does not use anger to get his way.
* Making all the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Not enough time to make all of them
* Not his responsibility to make them alone—He's a team leader
* He needs her insights.
* She will be his best counselor.
* He will listen to his wife but check out what she says with the Word of God.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_your wife (1 Cor 11:3, 7-9; Eph 5:23)

1. What Godly Leadership is

*“Biblical headship is a divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christlike servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.”[[1]](#footnote-1)*

* Christ’sexample (John 4:34; 6:38; 10:27 – shepherd, not cowboy; 13:5ff; Luke 22:26; 1 Cor 11:3; Phil 2:5-8)
* Practically
  + Other-oriented = his concern is for her needs and desires
  + Goal-oriented = he knows where he is leading his wife and family
  + Sets an example of control—Phil 4:9; Prov 23:26
  + Solves problems biblically = solution–oriented
  + Instructs not as her father but as a team leader and discipler
  + Motivates—helps her grow in her walk with the Lord and in her God-given responsibilities
  + Coaching—encouraging her as he comes alongside of her
  + Managing—1 Tim 3:4, 5, 12—sees his wife as his fellow heir in Christ
  + Pleasantness—Eccles. 9:9—He lives joyfully with his wife, and he is fun to live with and have around

**Wives who are like the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. She is an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through loving submission (Eph 5:24, 33; Titus 2:5)

* What Submission Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Isn't to be equated with putting the husband in the place of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Col 1:18; 1 Pet 2:13; 1 John 5:21)
* Submission isn't to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with giving up independent thought and becoming intellectually stagnant (Col 3:16; Judges 13:21-23; Prov 1:8; 31:26)
* Submission isn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ up all efforts to influence her husband (1 Pet 3:1-2; Prov 31:26)
* Isn't to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 29:25; 1 Pet 3:6)
* Submission isn’t letting her \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ lie dormant and becoming immobile (Prov 31:10ff; Rom 12:6ff; 1 Pet 4:10)
* Submission isn’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ her husband is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:51; Heb 13:17)
* Submission isn’t based on a wife’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to her husband (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:3; Gen 1:26-27; 2:23)
* What Submission \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ way (perfect, all wise, all loving) of attaining and maintaining function and order in the home (examples – Rom 13:1; 1Tim 3; 1 Pet 5; Eph 5; 1 Cor 11:3)
* Submission is a way of life for all \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ toward her husband (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:24)
* The wife's submission is a spiritual matter for a wife in three senses
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “as to the Lord” (Eph 5:22)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “as the church submits to Christ” (Eph 5:24)
* The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - “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)

1. She is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through faithful companionship (Gen 2:18)

She compliments 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)

1. She is a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ through active service

In-home \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (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

*Portrait of a Godly Wife* by Lance Quinn (based on a message from Proverbs 31)

She is Excellently Valiant (v. 10a)

She is Exceedingly Valuable (v. 10b)

She is Wholeheartedly Trustworthy (v. 11a)

She is Wonderfully Thrifty (v. 11b)

She is Perpetually Helpful (v. 12)

She is Delightfully Industrious (v. 13)

She is Creatively Domestic (v. 14)

She is Tirelessly Serving (v. 15)

She is Financially Competitive (v. 16)

She is Courageously Strong (v. 17)

She is Perceptively Aggressive (v. 18)

She is Incredibly Handy (v. 19)

She is Cheerfully Kind (v. 20)

She is Unflinchingly Confident (v. 21)

She is Beautifully Arrayed (v. 22)

She is Famously Supportive (v. 23)

She is Lucratively Enterprising (v. 24)

She is Deeply Spiritual (v. 25a)

She is Joyfully Optimistic (v. 25b)

She is Purposefully Discipling (v. 26)

She is Administratively Diligent (v. 27a)

She is Actively Responsive (v. 27b)

She is Admirably Praised (vv. 28-29)

She is Appropriately Warned (v. 30)

She is Ultimately Rewarded (v. 31)

1. John Piper, “A Vision of Biblical Complementarity: Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible,” in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*, eds. John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Wheaten: Crossway Books, 1991), 52-53. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)