

## The Powerful Choices in Marriage: For Wives

### 2. Praise him.

Proverbs 31:12 *She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.*

Proverbs 12:18 *There is one who speaks rashly like the thrusts of a sword, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.*

### 4. Romance him.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:1-9

#### Introduction – for both husbands and wives:

##### 1. Hold marriage as a precious treasure.

Hebrews 13:4 *Marriage is to be held in honor among all.*

Ephesians 5:32

##### 2. Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you.

Ephesians 5:2 *Walk in love, just as Christ also loved you.* (Titus 2:4; Ephesians 5:25; Luke 6:27)

##### 3. Be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 *Be filled with the Spirit.*

#### For wives:

##### 1. Help him.

**Genesis 2:18-20** *Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him." ... The man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the sky, and to every beast of the field, but for Adam there was not found a helper suitable for him.*

**Submit to him.**

The context is Genesis 2:18-20.

The call is not limited by the spiritual condition of one's husband. (1 Peter 3:1-2)

The call is restricted, repeated and strong.

Col. 3:18 *Wives, be subject to your husbands*

Titus 2:5 *being subject to their own husbands*

1 Peter 3:1 *be submissive to your own husbands*

1 Peter 3:6 *Sarah obeyed Abraham*

Ephesians 5:22, 24 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands*

*... in everything*

The approach is respectful of the husband's God-given role, yet not frightened by fear.

1 Peter 3:6 *Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

Ephesians 5:33 *the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.*

The submission is service to God, not just your husband.

Ephesians 5:22 *... as to the Lord.*

Col. 3:18 *... as is fitting in the Lord.*

The submission is a choice, not a demand from the husband.

The attitude is one of a helper.

1 Peter 3:3-5 <sup>3</sup> *Your adornment must not be merely external-- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;* <sup>4</sup> *but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.* <sup>5</sup> *For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;*

The parallel is the church's submission to Christ.

Eph. 5:24 *as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*

The pattern is Christ and His Father.

1 Corinthians 15:28 *When all things are subjected to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subjected to the One who subjected all things to Him, so that God may be all in all.*

1 Peter 3:7 *show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life.*