
Key Passages on the Woman's Responsibility to Yield to Her Husband

Genesis 2:18 – Designed by God

And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*"

Genesis 3:16 – Difficult (but Unchanged) After the Fall

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire *shall be* for your husband, And he shall rule over you."

Psalms 127:3-5 – Described by Function

³ Behold, children *are* a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb *is* a reward. ⁴ Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So *are* the children of one's youth. ⁵ Happy *is* the man who has his quiver full of them; They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Proverbs 31:10-31 – Described by Focus

¹⁰ Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth *is* far above rubies. ¹¹ The heart of her **husband** safely trusts her; So **he** will have no lack of gain. ¹² She does **him** good and not evil All the days of her life. ¹³ She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. ¹⁴ She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. ¹⁵ She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. ¹⁶ She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. ¹⁷ She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. ¹⁸ She perceives that her merchandise *is* good, And her lamp does not go out by night. ¹⁹ She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle. ²⁰ She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. ²¹ She is not afraid of snow for her **household**, For all her **household** *is* clothed with scarlet. ²² She makes tapestry for herself; Her clothing *is* fine linen and purple. ²³ Her **husband** is known in the gates, When **he** sits among the elders of the land. ²⁴ She makes linen garments and sells *them*, And supplies sashes for the merchants. ²⁵ Strength and honor *are* her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come. ²⁶ She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness. ²⁷ She watches over the ways of her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness. ²⁸ Her **children** rise up and call her blessed; Her **husband** *also*, and **he** praises her: ²⁹ "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all." ³⁰ Charm *is* deceitful and beauty *is* passing, But a woman *who* fears the LORD, she shall be praised. ³¹ Give her of the fruit of her hands, And let her own works praise her in the gates.

1 Corinthians 11:3-9 – Described by God's Intentional Creative Order

³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God. ⁴ Every man praying or prophesying, having *his* head covered, dishonors his head. ⁵ But every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. ⁶ For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. ⁷ For a man indeed ought not to cover *his* head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. ⁸ For man is not from woman, but woman from man. ⁹ Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

Ephesians 5:22-24, 33 – Described by Analogy

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives be to their own husbands in everything. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

Colossians 3:18 – Commanded – Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

1 Timothy 5:9-10, 14 – Described by Focus

⁹ Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work. ¹⁴ Therefore I desire that *the* younger widows marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Titus 2:4-5 – Delineated as Sound Teaching

³ the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things-- ⁴ that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵ *to be* discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

1 Peter 3:1-6 – Described and Exemplified

¹ Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, ² when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear. ³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward-- arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel--⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God. ⁵ For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, ⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.