

How Wives and Husbands Point to Christ in their Marriage

Colossians 3:18-19

Introduction:

#1 Pursue the biblical _____ required for a Christian marriage

1st – Be Genuinely _____, Chapter 1

1:5 the gospel, 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;

2 Corinthians 5:15 and He died for all, that they who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

2nd – Be Exclusively _____, Chapter 2

2:6 As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, 8 See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.

3rd – Be Aggressively _____, Chapter 3

18 Wives, be **subject** to your husbands, as is **fitting** in the Lord.

19 Husbands, **love** your wives, and do not be **embittered** against them.

#2 Wives submit themselves to their husbands, seeking to make Christ _____

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1st – Am I following ____'s leadership?

1-Am I choosing to follow God's design as the wife of _____?

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.

Ist – Am I following ____'s leadership?

2-Am I obeying God, by submitting to _____ continually?

*Ephesians 5:24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.
Titus 2:5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.*

Acts 5:29 We must obey God rather than men.

3-Am I initiating my own submission to _____ or do I cause a struggle?

4-Do I follow the NT model of submission to _____?

* Turn to 1 Peter 3:1-7

(1)-Gentle Matthew 11:29 *Take My yoke upon you, and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart; and you shall find rest for your souls.*

(2)-Quiet 1 Timothy 2:11-12 *Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness. But I do not allow a woman to teach or exercise authority over a man, but to remain quiet.*

(3)-Respectful Ephesians 5:33 *Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.*

5-Am I committed to be a one-man woman to _____?

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1 Corinthians 14:35 *let them ask their own husbands at home;*
Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
Ephesians 5:24 *But as the church is subject to Christ,
so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.*
Titus 2:5 *being subject to their own husbands,*
1 Peter 3:1 *you wives, be submissive to your own husbands*

**2nd – Do I seek to glorify God through my Submission
to _____?**

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1-Submission is the _____ step

2-Submission is the _____ step

3-Submission is the _____ step

4-Submission is the _____ step

**#3 Husbands _____ themselves for their wives, not
allowing any issues to remain unchecked**

19 *Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.*

1st – Am I sacrificially serving _____ continually?

1 – Am I Fulfilling the NT role of a husband to _____?

for your Family's Needs

1 Timothy 5:8 if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.

your Household

1 Timothy 3:5 if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?

Be the Spiritual _____ in your Home

Ephesians 5:26 sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,

2-Do I Sacrifice myself for _____?

19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be embittered against them.

(1)-I do what is best for _____?

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

(2)-I do what _____ needs most?

(3)-I serve _____ daily?

(4)-I sacrifice my desires & time for _____?

(5)-I cherish _____ with my attention?

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

2nd – Are you allowing any resentment take hold in your heart about _____?

19 and do not be embittered against them

You know you're bitter when...

- 1-You keep lists
- 2-You are demeaning
- 3-You give orders

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Conclusion:

#1 – Are you looking to Christ alone to fulfill and satisfy all your needs or to your spouse?

#2 – Are you submitting to Christ as you submit to your husband and sacrificing to Christ as you sacrifice for your spouse?

#3 – Are you sacrificing for your wife and respecting your husband when they don't deserve it and you don't feel like it?

#4 – Are you refraining from behavior that aggravates your partner?

#5 – Are you cultivating healthy habits into your relationship?

1st Pray

2nd Sacrifice

3rd Tell your children

Remember, your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard.

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

* How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

* How can I accomplish this change?

* What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

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