

The Believer's Family (pt. 3)

The Backbone of Marriage

Ephesians 5:21-30 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love (die for) your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—

Purpose of Marriage

**The purpose of marriage is to serve your spouse
with a vision of their future glory in mind.**

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What submit means:

1. Send yourself under.

Prefix *sub* means: Go under

Sub merge: cause to be under

Sub marine: warship underwater

Sub heading: under heading

Sub title: captions displayed at bottom

Root *mit* means: to send

Trans mit transfer to another

Vo mit: to eject

Ad mit: send the truth

Li mit: not to send

What submit is:

2. Submit is giving up your **individual** rights for the **common** good.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV) Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Romans 13:1-2 (NIV) Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities.....he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted.....

What submit looks like:

3. Treat others as more **important** than **yourself**.

Philippians 2:3-11 (NIV)

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death-- even death on a cross!

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

What submit does:

4. Submit makes the other person confident, **valuable**, and **strong**.
5. Submit **empowers change**.

Jerome (eusebuis hieronomus):

Let bishops hear this, let priests hear, let every rank of learning get this clear in the church, leaders are servants. Let them imitate the apostle..... the difference between secular rulers and Christian leaders is that the former love to boss their subordinates whereas the latter serve them. We are that much greater if we are considered least of all.

What submit looks like in marriage:

6. Wives, **live** (submit) so your husbands can be **alive**.

Ephesians 5:21-23 (NIV) - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife....

7. Husbands **die** (submit as the lead) so your wife **lives**.

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