



The Gospel Ministry of a Wife, Part 2

22nd in the “Ephesians” Series

Ephesians 5:22-24

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Introduction

In this passage we learn biblical practices and postures of the ministry of a wife in God’s design for marriage.

Five practices and postures of a wife according to Ephesians 5:22-24:

- 1) A wife should see how Scripture presents her role as a gospel-based ministry of great worth and great responsibility.
- 2) The ministry of a wife is assigned directly to her, reflecting her equal status as an image-bearer of God and a co-heir of the Kingdom of God.
- 3) A wife’s submission is a specifically Christian act of obedience to the Lord Jesus.
- 4) A wife’s submission incorporates all her gifts, talents, and personality in intentional coordination with her husband in ways that embody humility, deference, and respect.
- 5) A wife must not bend the knee to either extra-biblical cultural roles that reject essential mutuality or unbiblical cultural egalitarianism that rejects natural distinctions.

Gender Essentialism

vs

Gender Constructivism

Response

Lord, help us to submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) How would you define a wife's submission to her husband, or explain it to someone being introduced to God's design for marriage for the first time?
- 2) How should a wife practice submission in a way that does not minimize or deny her equal status as an image-bearer of God and co-heir of God's Kingdom?
- 3) What does it mean to say that "a wife's submission is a specifically Christian act of obedience to the Lord Jesus?"
- 4) How can a wife's submission incorporate all her gifts and personality and yet be intentionally coordinated with her husband in ways that embody humility, deference, and respect?
- 5) What are some examples of things Christians have expected from or denied to women that find no biblical warrant? How do those examples reject essential mutuality between male and female?
- 6) How do this text and others in Scripture present the role of wife as a beautiful ministry to a husband, a family, a church, and a community?
- 7) The Bible also addresses singleness in numerous places, not just marriage. How can we appreciate marriage without denigrating singleness or socially demoting the unmarried in our church family?

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week's text: Proverbs 19:14 (Mon); Proverbs 31:11-12 (Tues); Proverbs 31:28 (Wed); Ecclesiastes 9:9 (Thurs); Proverbs 5:18 (Fri).