

¹Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, ²when they see your respectful and pure conduct.

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³Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— ⁴but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

5For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, 6as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord.

And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

—1 Peter 3:1-6 ESV

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The Principle 1 Peter 2:13-3:12

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. —Hebrews 5:7 NIV

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Submission is not for women in the Bible; submission is a life-pattern for all Christians.	The Portrait
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Sarah = "princess"	Sarah portrays a woman with a Future Hope (3:5)
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Sarah portrays a woman with a Fadeless Beauty (3:5)	Sarah portrays a woman with a Fearless Faith (3:6)
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What does this mean? Not!	not agreeing with everything your husband says and does.
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but persuasive.	allegiance to Christ.
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not coerced, but choosing.	Sarah portrays a woman with a Faithful Submission (3:1)
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Submission is not a fearful thing; it is a powerful thing.

"Submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts. It's the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership." —John Piper

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"I delight for you to take initiative in our family. I am glad when you take responsibility for things and lead with love. I don't flourish in the relationship when you are passive and I have to make sure the family works." —John Piper

The Point: A woman's greatest strength is not found in her physical essence or personal independence, but in her dependence and obedience

to God.

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⁵Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. —Philippians 2:5-11 NIV

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