

**Introduction:**

- A. A \_\_\_\_\_ couple must know their steps and fulfill their role for the \_\_\_\_\_ to work.
  - 1. The steps and the movements are designed for a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_, and are appropriate for each of their unique physiological shape and strength.
- B. And so it is in marriage...God has made husbands and wives to live in a \_\_\_\_\_ and symbiotic way.
  - 1. When the husband and wife know their steps and fulfill their role then the marriage dance is beautiful and \_\_\_\_\_.

**I. God’s Design for Husbands and Wives**

- A. Ephesians 5 makes clear that the roles of husband and wife in marriage are not arbitrarily assigned and that they are not \_\_\_\_\_ any more than the role of Christ and the role of the church are \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. The Bible says that the husband is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the wife even as Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
  - 1. As the head of the church, Christ gives up \_\_\_\_\_ He has for the \_\_\_\_\_ of the church.
- C. The Bible says that as the church \_\_\_\_\_ to Christ, so also wives should \_\_\_\_\_ to their husbands in everything.
- D. Submission throughout Scripture is a wonderful and inevitable part of \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Submission is not limited to human relationships - it is also true of the \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. Our Obedience to God’s Design as Husbands and Wives**

- A. John Piper defines the roles of husbands and wives as...
  - 1. Of husbands, he says, “Headship is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.”
  - 2. Of wives, he says, “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.”
- B. What a husband’s headship looks like in everyday life...
  - 1. John Piper suggests that husbands should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Husbands are to lead with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. What a wife’s submission looks like in everyday life...
  - 1. Submission does not mean \_\_\_\_\_ with everything your husband thinks.
  - 2. Submission does not mean leaving your \_\_\_\_\_ or your \_\_\_\_\_ at the wedding altar.
  - 3. Submission does not mean putting the will of the \_\_\_\_\_ ahead of the will of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. Submission does not mean avoiding every effort to \_\_\_\_\_ your husband’s thoughts or actions.
  - 5. A wife’s loving attitude of respect and practical following of their husband’s leadership \_\_\_\_\_ God and is a testimony of their faith.

Answer Key: Intro.A. dancing, dance. A.1. leader, follower. B. balanced. B.1. successful. I.A. reversible, reversible. I.B. head, head. I.B.1. everything, good. I.C. submits, submit. I.D. human, relationships. I.E. divine. II.B.1. lionhearted, lamblike. II.B.2. provision, protection. II.C.1. agreeing. II.C.2. brain, will. II.C.3. husband, Christ. II.C.4. change. II.C.5. honors.