Understanding Submission

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- Sharia law Isalm = submit. Religion where women not valued.
- Completely passivity of wife contrast husband's trust Prv 31:1
- Wife handles domestic duties only –
- Egalitarianism = no roles, complete equality
- Results: abuse, failure to love

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- Flesh is not submissive to God's law Rm 8:7
- Citizens to be submissive Rm 13:1,5; Titus 3:1
- Church members to leaders 1 Cor 16:15; Heb 13:17
- Church to Christ Eph 5:24
- Wives to husbands Eph 5:22,24; Col 3:18; Tit 2:5; 1 Pet 3:1

Our Struggles : God's Purpose

- None of us ever like the idea of submission to authority
- Good leaders are to serve those they lead as God's servants Rom 13:1,4
- Husbands NOT commanded to exercise authority, only LOVE sacrificially
- Wives told to submit to honor (glorify) the Lord

Men & Women are Equal with Differing Roles

- Both created equal in God's image Gen 1:27 with differing roles
- Differing Roles of Husbands & Wives models Christ & the Church
- 3 persons of Godhead same in substance, equal in power & glory, but differing roles
- Marriage is a living picture of submission to display God's glory 1 Pt 3:1-6
- Beware of discontent and insurrection Satan's tools! Mt 12:25

The Headship of the Husband & Submission of a Wife not a Cultural Construct

- Man created first, Woman created as helper fit for him Gen 2:18
- Consequences of Fall affected relationship: Gen 3:16
- A Godly marriage PROCLAIMS God's wonderful design to the world! The Principle Applied:
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- Difficulty a result of the Fall Gen 3:16
- Hope found only in Christ Eph 5:32; 1 Pet 2:22-24

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