

# Fundamentals Of The Church

---

## Biblical Wives

(Ep 5:22)

### INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning
  - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons on the "Fundamentals Of The Church"
  - a. We've looked specifically lately at the "family"
    - i. Moms; Children; Husbands...
  - b. Today we will look at wives.
    - i. Solomon wrote, "Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies." (Pr 31:10)
3. This subject is considered by the world a volatile subject sometimes.
  - a. The thought is that if the subject of "wives" is preached all that will be discussed is the subjection aspect.
    - i. This is somewhat true in that it seems that this is the most lacking in today's society.
    - ii. The feminist "femi-nazis" have destroyed the biblical wife concept.
4. God, when He designed the home, He had specific roles for the wife "help meet" that He created.
  - a. This morning let us look at what a Biblical Wife" is.

### I. Biblical Wife = Righteous Wife

- A. So what exactly does this pertain too?
  1. **I Ti 3:11** "Likewise, their wives must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things."
  2. **Ti 2:4-5** "that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed."
- B. Let us look closer at each of these.
  1. Faithful in all things
    - i. To be steadfast in affection and allegiance.
      - a. **Pr 31:29** "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."
  2. Reverent
    - i. To honor & admire profoundly & respectfully.
      - a. **Pr 31:25** "Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come."
  3. Not slanderers
    - i. Not to defame husbands reputation by word of mouth.
      - a. **Pr 31:26** " She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness."
  4. Sober-minded
    - i. To have self control ie the mind is free from intoxicants
      - a. **Pr 31:30** "Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised."

# Fundamentals Of The Church

---

5. Pure
  - i. To have clean motives
    - a. **Ph 4:8** "Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things."
    - b. **Ac 23:1** "Then Paul, looking earnestly at the council, said, "Men and brethren, I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day.'"
  6. Worker of the home
    - i. This means to be known more (by God) for the way the home is kept than for what is done outside the home.
      - a. Home here meaning husband, children, house.
    - ii. **Pr 31:15** "She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants."
  7. Kind or good
    - i. This means of a forbearing nature – longsuffering.
      - a. Husbands & children are not always the easiest to get along with.
- B. Why should wives be righteous?
  1. Better home life – with husband and children
  2. Better spiritual life – with God
  3. Better retirement plan – With heaven

## II. Biblical Wife = Subjective Wife

- A. Why separate subjection from discussion on righteousness?
  1. Because of its lack of understanding today in the world.
- B. What does subjection mean?
  1. Lit. means to “throw under” or “put under”
  2. The wife is to be “under” the authority of the husband.
    - i. **I Co 11:3** "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God."
    - ii. **Ep 5:22** "Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord."
- C. Why should wives be in subjection?
  1. It is a command of God.
    - i. See above.
- D. How does a wife show subjection?
  1. Look to the ultimate example in Christ submitting to God the Father but on an earthly level.
    - i. Have complete love for your husband.
      - a. **I Co 13**

# Fundamentals Of The Church

---

- ii. Yield to husbands advice.
  - a. Don't have to agree however you should act upon it as long as it does not go contrary to God's will.
    - 1. **Mt 26:39** "He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.""
- iii. Be respectful
  - a. **I Pt 3:1-2** "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, 2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear."
  - b. **Ep 5:33** "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."
- iv. Study your husband
  - a. **Ti 2:4** "that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children"
  - b. Example:
    - 1. How many wives would be good at the newlywed game?

## CONCLUSION

- 1. As seen there is a lot more to being a wife than simply being under the husband's authority.
  - a. So here is the question each wife should ask herself...am I being a biblical wife?
  - b. Husbands are you helping your wife to be the wife she should be by being the husband you should be?
    - i. If you do help her than it will be said of you that, "The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life."
      - 1. **Pr 31:11-12**
- 2. Godly wives let it be said of you that, "many woman have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
  - a. **Pr 31:29**
- 3. Invitation
  - a. God's Plan of Salvation
    - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
    - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
    - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
    - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
    - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
    - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**