

HOPE SHOULD SHAPE MY MARRIAGE.

- 1 Peter 2:11-12, 21-25

1. In a marriage seeking to glorify God, a wife chooses to _____ to her husband.

➤ *My submission is motivated by the Gospel and the example of Jesus.*

Submission does not imply any moral, intellectual, or spiritual inferiority in the family, workplace, or society in general. But it is God's design for roles. ~John MacArthur

[S]ubmission to a husband's authority within a healthy marriage might not often involve obeying commands (though it will sometimes include this), for a husband may rather give requests and seek advice and discussion about the course of action to be followed. ... Nevertheless, an attitude of submission to a husband's authority will be reflected in numerous words and actions each day which reflect deference to his leadership and an acknowledgment of his final responsibility - after discussion has occurred, where possible - to make decisions affecting the whole family. ~Wayne Grudem

a. because it is an opportunity for the Gospel. 1-2

- Proverbs 21:9 & 22:14, Proverbs 21:19, Proverbs 27:15

b. by prioritizing her character. 3-4

➤ *What do you spend more time on, improving your appearance or developing your character?*

c. by trusting God. 3-5

➤ *Who do I trust more with my security, myself or God?*

2. In a marriage seeking to glorify God, a husband chooses to _____ about and for his wife.

➤ *God does not command me to understand every woman, just one, my wife.*

a. by studying her. 7

➤ *What degree do I have in studying my wife?*

We may grasp its content by proclaiming its opposite: "Dwell with your wives according to ignorance. Just walk in blindness. Don't look beyond your own desires. Let your vision be entirely introspective and microscopic. Never exercise your eyes in clear and comprehensive outlook. Dwell in ignorance!" No, says the apostle, "dwell according to knowledge." Keep your eyes open. ~J.H. Jowett

[A]ny kind of weakness of which husbands would need to be cautioned not to take advantage. ~Wayne Grudem

b. by honoring her. 7

c. by considering her weakness. 7

d. because of her position before God. 7

e. for the sake of his spiritual health. 7

One time I was in a car with a well-known evangelical scholar, and we were discussing our wives. The conversation eventually flowed into the matter of submission ... [and he said] "I believe in a wife submitting to her husband, but I don't believe the husband ever has the right to demand it. In fact, I know that when I am worthy of submission, my wife submits; and when I am unworthy of it, she does not." His final words send up all the fireworks:

"My responsibility as a husband is to be worthy."

That is the point! ~Scot McKnight

