

Untangling the thorny question of submission between wives and husbands

Here are some key questions that we should each allow God to answer directly to us

- Should Christian wives submit to their own husbands in everything? No
- Should Christian wives submit to God their Father in everything? Yes
- Should Christian husbands submit to God their Father in everything? Yes
- Should husbands and wives submit to one another when it's God's will? Yes

James 4:7 **Submit yourselves therefore to God...**

KJV

Eph 5:20-21 **...Submitting to one another in the fear of God** (as led by His Spirit).

But aren't there scriptures that seem to require a wife to always obey her husband?

Col 3:18 KJV **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord**. Does

“as” mean because it's right, or when it's right? Other scriptures give us the answer:

- Under the New Covenant is the Bible to still be seen as a rule book, as law? No

Gal 5:18 **But if you are led by the Holy Spirit, you are not under the law.**

Some men, with a head knowledge of scripture try to apply certain verses as law. Some Christian wives not yet having full understanding are afraid of such verses.

- For any scripture to be operative must it first be given by God to a person? Yes

John 3:27 **...A person can receive nothing unless it has been given to them from heaven.** 2 Tim 3:16 **All Scripture is given by inspiration of God's Spirit;**

If we obey someone based on the dead letter of scripture it results in resentment.

- Does God enable obedience to His word, if He has first given that word to me?

Ezek 36:27 **I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes (words) and you will keep My judgments (words) and do them.**

- Can a wife become, in God's eyes, the spiritual head of her household, when her husband is either unwilling or spiritually unable to fulfill that role? Yes

1 Pet 5:5 **You (spiritually) younger people, submit yourselves to your (spiritual) elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, clothed with humility...**

Heb 13:7 **Those who rule over you, who have spoken the word of God to you**

- Does the requirement of a spouse ever take precedence over God's will? No
Can a spouse always know what is, and what is not, in God's will? Yes, how?

By our conscience: Rom 2:15 **...Their consciences (the voice of their spirits) also bear witness...that echoes God's yes and no, right and wrong.** AMP/MSGE

By the Holy Spirit: 1 John 5:6 **...And it is the Holy Spirit who bears witness...**

By the living word of God: 2 Tim 3:16 **All Scripture is given by inspiration (of the Spirit) of God, and is profitable for...instruction in righteousness (God's will).**