

The Reverent Submission of a Christian Wife
Ephesians 5:15-33

- I. The circumspect life of a wife (Eph. 5:15-21)
 - A. Wisely redeeming the times
 - B. Learning God's will
 - C. Being controlled by the Spirit
 - 1. Evidenced by a joyful heart
 - 2. Evidenced by a thankful disposition
 - 3. Evidenced by reverence for Christ in proper subordination to others

- II. The submission/respect of a Christian wife (Eph. 5:22-33)
 - A. The structure of the verses
 - B. The submission of the wife (Eph. 5:22-24, 31-33)
 - 1. The manner of the wife's submission (Eph. 5:22)
 - 2. The basis for the wife's submission (Eph. 5:23)
 - 3. The extent of a wife's submission (Eph. 5:24)
 - 4. The profound mystery that guides a wife's submission(Eph. 5:31-32)
The wife as an analogue of the church
 - C. Conclusion: the wife's respect for her husband (Eph. 5:33)

- III Implications for wives:
The reverent submission of a Christian wife is the expression of a liberated disposition to affirm, promote, and respond to the strength and leadership of her husband.