

MPVII Wife Submit to Husband

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As you may have noticed, I dealt extensively with the principle that pertains to the husbands. The reason was nothing else but to make the husbands understand that the only real way to have a wife submit to his authority as he would like and at the same time have a happy home, a happy wife, and a very successful marriage, is for him to love his wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it (Eph. 5:22).

Having said that, let me begin by telling the wife that might even be enjoying this series not to pester the husband every time that he might mess up or when he does not show his love the way he needs to. In other words, don't nag and pester him about what he should and should not do, or how he needs to treat you. Husbands hate that, and for good reason.

Proverbs 27:15-16 says, "*A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike: He that would restrain her restraineth the wind; And his right hand encountereth oil.*" There has been times in my life in which I have been very tired and tried to get sleep but have not been able to because the continual drip in the faucet keeps me awake. That is how the contentions of a woman are compared to in Scripture.

In most cases, whenever the wife begins to pester the husband, it is viewed by the husband as a form of rebellion from the wife. And because the husband will not stand for it, the problems begin, or even just continue further and further.

As I wrote it numerous times to the husband, so I now write it to you wife, it is now up to you as well to win your husband's love back. You cannot expect your husband to simply love you the way that you want him to love you without you doing your part. Let your husband keep his own principle, and you must focus on your own. Don't be pointing the finger at your husband either, point the finger at yourself.

It has been drilled into the mind of the man even from his youth that he and he alone is the one in charge of the home and in the home. In other words, he is the king and his home is his castle. And up to a certain point that is true. Let me explain.

In the true Scriptural form, the husband has been set up by Christ as the head of the home. The Bible says in Ephesians 5:22-24 that, "*Wives, be in subjection unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself the saviour of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything.*" What is not true is that the husband should rule his home with an iron fist in where there is no love and no care, and in which he can abuse his authority and beat his wife. What is true is that the wife should be in subjection to the authority of her husband as unto the Lord in everything. As long as the husband does not ask his wife to do anything

immoral, or break the law in one form or another, or cause physical or emotional harm to others (as Christ would not ask that of us), the wife is commanded in Scripture to submit to the authority of her husband. There is nothing wrong with that. As we have seen through the above Scripture, God has established authority in such a way. As Christ is the head of the church, the husband is the head of the home. And to not believe that and even go against it, the wife is rebelling against the authority of Christ Himself.

Please don't misunderstand what is being said here. I am not saying that you are to be his slave. I am not saying that you have no rights and no voice, far from it. What I am saying is that as your husband loves you as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it, then you ought to submit to the authority of your husband as unto the Lord in everything. To be continued...