

submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)

Background on Marriage

1. What is the state of marriage in our country?

- The divorce rate is twice what it was in the 1960's.
- Marriage is on the downswing. In 1960, 72% of American adults were married, today only 60% are married.
- Single parenting is on the upswing. In 1970, 89% of all births were to married adults, today only 60% of all births are to married adults.
- Cohabitation is skyrocketing. Half of all adults live together before marriage. In 1960, nobody did.
- If a woman is unmarried by her late 30's, there is a 60% chance she lived with a man for a period of time in her life.

2. What does the Bible say about marriage?

- The Bible begins and ends with a wedding.
- Marriage is God's idea from first to last. What God institutes, he also regulates.

3. What is the great enemy of marriage?

Selfishness

What Does It Take For A Woman To Be A Great Wife?

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Ephesians 5:22 (ESV)

1. What does God mean when he tells a wife to submit to her husband?

2. Who came up with the idea of submission?

3. Are women to submit to all men?

4. Doesn't submission imply inferiority?

5. Why are marital roles important?

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Ephesians 5:23-24 (ESV)

6. In what areas of life should a wife submit to her husband?

wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Ephesians 5:24 (ESV)

7. A wife's submission to the leadership of her husband means it is a husband's responsibility to restore a broken relationship with his wife.

What are the problems and pitfalls of submission?

1. Why is submission to my husband hard?

...Your desire shall be for your husband and he shall rule over you. Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

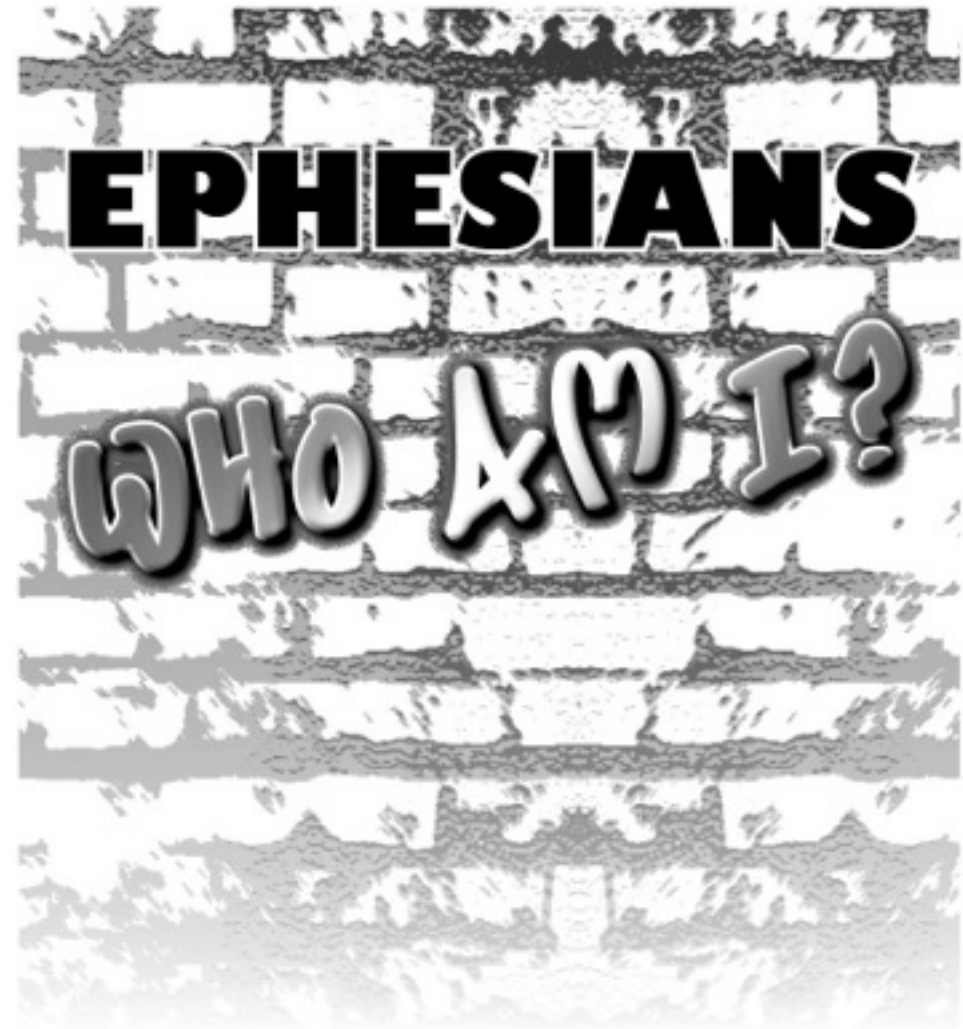
2. What if my husband isn't worthy of my respect?

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. 1 Peter 3:1-2 (ESV)

3. What can a wife do to change her husband's heart?

Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious. 1 Peter 3:3-4 (ESV)

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