

# **What Every Wife Should Know**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: I Peter 3:1-6.

B. The wife must be willing to abide by her husband's decisions in issues of final authority.

## II. Submissiveness is necessary in order that the man might be a man.

A. The first responsibility of the husband is to exercise intelligent leadership.

B. There is a blending of lives in marriage, but the men are given final authority.

C. It is followers that make it possible for leaders to lead.

D. A wife who destroys her husband's leadership diminishes his manhood.

## III. Submissiveness is necessary in order for a woman to be a woman.

A. No woman is ever content in the role of a man.

B. A woman will never find satisfaction in the home unless the conditions are right.

## IV. Submissiveness is necessary because of the example of Jesus Christ.

A. Jesus did not quarrel with His circumstances from the Father—He endured them with joy because of what lay beyond.

B. God wants a wife to be subject to a husband in her relationship to the Lord.

## V. There is to be no moral disobedience on the part of the wife with regard to her conscience in this.

A. Wives are to be for their husbands where they can.

B. Where they cannot follow out of conscience, they are still to love them.

C. Nagging is a subtle attempt to take over control by a woman.

## VI. The duty of a woman.

A. Woman makes the unique contribution of beauty to society.

B. Woman is to be more than physically attractive though—the great contribution that woman can make to humankind is beauty of spirit.

C. Women can uniquely inculcate this in others.

D. The greatness of Abraham was much due to his wife.

**Application questions:**

1. Why should a woman be submissive to her husband?

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2. How would you respond to someone who claims that the commands to be submissive are archaic and out of date?

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3. What woman do you know that exemplifies an inner beauty that is inculcated in others? What particularly makes them beautiful to you?

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