

In the 1st century no one would have been offended by what Paul writes in verse 22.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife,... Ephesians 5:22,23

What was revolutionary was what comes next: One sentence with 49 words in Greek, almost triple the instructions given to the wives.

For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁸In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. ²⁹No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. Ephesians 5:25-29

So husbands this means, that you're mutual submission has a different spin doesn't it?

How was Christ's headship defined? vs. 25 as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her, It's by his sacrifice.

So whatever male headship means, it minimally means that you're the chief sacrificer, the bigger giver, the one who does the most for others.

So ladies if you knew that the predominate habit of your husband or boyfriend was to put your well being ahead of his own, would you have a problem reciprocating?

See when she says I delight to sit his shade, what does that kind of person look like? Well according to the scriptures, that person looks a lot like Jesus.

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A Man With Honor

Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in his shade Song of Songs 2:3

What a women desires from her man:

1. A Pleasing Character

Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth—for your love is more delightful than best wine. Pleasing is the fragrance of your perfumes; **your name** is like perfume poured out. No wonder the young women love you! Song of Songs 1:2,3

A. One of the ways to successfully date somebody is to wait for them to show you their REAL NAME.

- How they talk to you.
- How they relate to your family.
- How they treat your friends.
- How they treat you when they're angry.
- How they react when their influence over you is challenged

The Hebrew word for "*name*" means something etched in stone, it will not change.

Marriage will not change a person's character automatically.

Principal here is: Gain knowledge before commitment.

2. An Ability to Bring Out the _____.

Dark am I, yet lovely. ...dark like the tents of Kedar, like the tent curtains of Solomon.
Do not stare at me because I am dark, because I am darkened by the sun.

Song of Songs 1:5,6

She's alluding to the fact that in her culture you didn't want a weathered look from working outside. I'm lovely, but there's this part of me I really don't like about me.

My mother's sons were angry with me and made me take care of the vineyards; my own vineyard (Metaphor for her own physical body) I had to neglect.
Song of Songs 1:6

Her fundamental insecurity was from being scorched by the sun.

While the king was at his table, my perfume spread its fragrance.¹³ My beloved is to me a *sachet of myrrh* resting between my breasts. Song of Songs 1:12,13

This sachet was a small bag of resin that would interact with one's own body heat and it would make you smell good.

She says this **guy is attractive**, this **guy has a good name** and this guy is like to me the sweet smelling myrrh on my body which is to say: **He brings out the best in me.**

Principal here is: Find a man who delights in your qualities.

3. A Safe Place in My Heart.

Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest is my beloved among the young men. I delight to sit in **his shade**, and his fruit is sweet to my taste.

Song of Songs 2:3

What does shade represent to her? Protection from the sun, *that has made her ugly and insecure in her mind.*

In her place of greatest insecurity He is safe.

Ephesians in the NT explains about how a man is safe.

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:18-20

Apostle Paul lists things that churches filled with the Spirit do.

But what usually gets left off that list is the next verse-

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21

Verse 21 then grammatically connects to verse 18 where it says **be filled with the Holy Spirit**. Then it reads:

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:22-24

The Greek word translated, submit, means primarily *to arrange under, to place in an orderly fashion something under something else*. Paul uses this word elsewhere to say, *"Place the well being of another person ahead of your own."*

So submit to one another out of reference to Christ. verse 21

Is not talking about a superior to an inferior, rather it's between two equals.

Now here's where it gets interesting, my English bible says *submit to one another out of reverence for Christ* and is followed by a PERIOD. Then there's a paragraph break and a new paragraph that is started in verse 22. But in the original Greek it's written *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ, COMMA the wives to their own husbands as to the Lord.*

So the Greek doesn't say Wives submit to their husbands rather it says the wives to their husbands. So grammatically verse 22 is dependent upon verse 21. Which grammatically should reads *"as a disciple of Jesus, the regular practice of every disciple is to put the well being of other people ahead of your own, COMMA wives do this to your husbands."*

Do you have any idea how radical a proposition that was in Paul's day and time?