

### 53. Godly Wives

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (Ephesians 5:21-22 NIV)

To the married I give this command (not I, but the Lord): A wife must not separate from her husband. But if she does, she must remain unmarried or else be reconciled to her husband. And a husband must not divorce his wife.

To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord): If any brother has a wife who is not a believer and she is willing to live with him, he must not divorce her. And if a woman has a husband who is not a believer and he is willing to live with her, she must not divorce him. For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. (1 Corinthians 7:10-14a NIV)



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| BLAMELESS | LEAVE    | REVERENCE   |
| BLEMISH   | LIVE     | SEPARATE    |
| BODY      | LOVED    | STAIN       |
| CHRIST    | MARRIED  | SUBMIT      |
| CHURCH    | MEMBERS  | UNBELIEVING |
| CLEANSING | OWN      | UNITED      |
| DIVORCE   | PROFOUND | WASHING     |
| FLESH     | RADIANT  | WATER       |
| HOLY      | REMAIN   | WIFE        |
| HUSBAND   | RESPECT  | WRINKLE     |