

Headship & Submission...Today?

➤ The Big Picture for Wives

1. What does the Bible say?

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (1 Peter 2:9)

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. (1 Peter 2:13,14)

Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. (1 Peter 2:18)

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth. When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. (1 Peter 2:21-25)

2. Who's supposed to be submissive?

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, (1 Peter 3:1)

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.(1 Peter 3:7)

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Submission simply means to defer or yield to the wishes of another. It's basically a military term, referring to rank. There's no thought in it of one person being better or smarter than another.

➤ **The Big Picture for Husbands**

1. What does the Bible say?

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Eph 5:21)

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 (Eph 5:23)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Eph 5:25-27)

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (Eph 5:28)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross.... (Philippians 2:5-11)

2. What does this mean?

➤ **Conclusion**

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➤ **Couple Sharing**

1. What does submission mean to you?
2. What does headship mean to you?
3. What if George and Cindy came to you for advice, what would you now advise them to do?