

# How Wives Can Stop Damaging Marriage

*A Brief Overview of the Wife's Role Ephesians 5:22-33 Chris Mueller 10-30-2022*

## Introduction:

**Malachi 2:16** *For I hate divorce," says the Lord, the God of Israel*

## Review:

Chapter 1 **IGNORING** God's sovereign purpose for your marriage  
Chapter 2 **MINIMIZING** your sinfulness and your desperate need for God's grace  
Chapter 3 **OVERLOOKING** the incredible love of God to fill your life  
Chapter 4 **AVOIDING** your interconnectedness to the church family  
Chapter 6 **ELEVATING** your children over your marriage

**Ephesians 5:18** be filled with the Spirit

**Love means wives *die to self* by \_\_\_\_\_ themselves, providing respect**

**2 Corinthians 13:14** *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.*

**1 John 4:10** *the Father sent the Son*

**John 14:26** *the Father sends the Holy Spirit*

**John 15:26** *the Son and the Father send the Spirit*

**John 17** *the submission of the Jesus the son, to God the Father*

**1 Corinthians 11:3** *I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Wives submit by being their husband's number one \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ephesians 5:22** *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

**Colossians 3:18** *Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

**1 Peter 3:1** *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands*

**1 Peter 3:5** *For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands*

**Titus 2:5** *to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored*

**Ask your husband: Do you believe I am your number one fan – that for me, there is no one else I delight in more?**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wives submit by treating their husband like they would treat Christ – giving their \_\_\_\_\_**

**Ephesians 5:22** *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

**Ask your husband: Do you believe I give you my best or do you merely receive my leftovers?**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Wives submit by following the \_\_\_\_\_ of their husband

**Romans 13:1** *Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

**1 Peter 3:5** *For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

**Ephesians 5:33** Nevertheless, let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself, and let the wife see to it that she respects her husband.

1. Respect begins with your FOCUS
2. Respect involves your THANKFULNESS

Ask your husband: *Do you believe I am committed to following your lead?*

#### Take Home

A. The key issue with marital roles is dying to \_\_\_\_\_

B. True Christians submit to \_\_\_\_\_

Parents	<b>Luke 2:51</b>
Employees	<b>Titus 2:9</b>
Secular authorities	<b>1 Timothy 2</b>
Law Enforcement	<b>Romans 13:1</b>
A Church Eldership	<b>1 Peter 5:5</b>
To God	<b>James 4:7</b>
To Christ	<b>Ephesians 5:24</b>
To the Word of God	<b>Romans 8:7</b>
To each other	<b>Ephesians 5:21</b>

**1 Peter 3:1** *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

C. Develop the habits of \_\_\_\_\_ in marriage

EARS  
EYES  
FEET  
PASSION  
SPEECH

D. If Christ is \_\_\_\_\_, then your marriage will be amazing

**Ephesians 5:18**

#### Questions for Growth in Christ

1. What does the world think about the differing roles of men and women today? How can we help them think differently?
2. What are some of the things untaught Christians say about God's design for men and women today?
3. Explain as clearly as you can what God's role is for men and what God's role is for women.
4. What key truths from this message impacted you the most and why? What will be the most difficult to apply and why?
5. What truths about the roles of men and women did this message *not* cover and where do you find it in scripture?
6. How does the church help men and women live out their role, and are you taking advantage of His grace to do so?
7. How can God use a couple who pursues his design to impact their children, their church, and the lost world?
8. How will you men and women be bolder, more expressive, and more verbal about God's design for women?
9. What kind of steps should singles take in order to live out their God-designed role and for some, to prepare for future marriage?



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