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SERMON OUTLINE 8/2/09

SERIES: BENEFITS OF SALVATION

BIBLE PASSAGE: [Ephesians 5:15-24](#)

TITLE: "A WIFE'S SUBMISSIVE SUPPORT"

INTRO:

1. Husbands are called to lead/with leadership comes tremendous responsibility.
2. Husband, _____ for your wife!
3. Are genders different? Is the culture helpful?
4. Marriages are being strained and destroyed by a lack of obedience to [Ephesians 5:21-33](#).

PROPOSITION: I challenge all wives to value marriage and to embrace a biblical approach to wifehood.

I. THE BIBLICAL CONCEPT OF SUBMISSION.

A. Submission Defined.

1. Willing placement under the authority of another.
2. Submission _____ out of a desire to obey God and respect your husband.
3. Submission and love are closely related.
4. Advice to _____ women/choose wisely.
5. A wife is not degraded by following her husband's leadership.

B. Submission Demonstrated.

1. A servant-wife respects, [Ephesians 5:33](#), cf. [1 Timothy 3:11](#).

- a. Respect implies acknowledgement of God's order for the _____, cf. [Proverbs 31:10-12](#).
 - b. God's standards obeyed bring blessing/society level.
 - c. You must focus on you, cf. [Philippians 4:4-9](#).
2. A servant-wife trusts, *Ephesians 5:22*.
 - a. Trusting your husband is an act of _____.
 - b. "As to the Lord"-service to God!
 3. A servant-wife supports, *Ephesians 5:23*.
 - a. The husband _____ the head of the wife. How do you feel about that?
 - b. Believe in him and back him up! Cf. [Proverbs 31:25-28](#).
 4. A servant-wife accepts, *Ephesians 5:24 & 31*.
 - a. Acceptance, submission _____ out of unconditional love.
 - b. Acceptance does not negate a differing opinion.
 5. A servant-wife admires, [1 Peter 3:1-6](#).
 - a. Feel the _____ (warmth) of this passage.
 - b. Bless your husband with sweetness, admiration, appreciation, and affection.
 - c. Sexual relationship/strive for health!
Cf. [1 Corinthians 7:1-5 & Proverbs 5:15-18](#).

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you a believer?
2. Will you embrace God's design in marriage? Put your heart, mind, and body into obeying His commands!