

God's Goals for the Home:
Husbands and Wives

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C. The principle of Unity: *become one flesh*

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him [or corresponding to him]”
(Gen.2:18).

II. God's Instructions for Christian Relationships (Col. 3:12-17)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

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(vv.12-14)*

III. God's Instructions for Wives (v.18)

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Submission is not absolute or unqualified.

We must obey God rather than men
(Acts 5:29).

A wife should submit to her husband's leadership because she recognizes that it is a part of God's intended structure for the home.

B. Submission is part of being faithful to the Lord.

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“While the principle is clear—that the husband is to be the servant-leader and have ultimate responsibility and authority in the family—the Bible gives almost no details about how that is expressed in concrete behavior.

“[Therefore,] . . . every couple must work out how that will be expressed within their marriage.”

- Timothy Keller

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