

# Spirit-filled Wives

# Structure of Ephesians 4-6

(1-3)

Walk in a manner worthy of your calling  
(4-6)

Walk in  
unity  
(4:1-16)

Walk in  
holiness  
(4:17-32)

Walk in  
love  
(5:1-6)

Walk in  
light  
(5:7-14)

Walk in  
wisdom  
(5:15-6:9)

# Structure of Ephesians 5:15-6:9

Walk in wisdom

Church  
relationships  
(5:15-21)

Fear **Christ**

Family  
relationships  
(5:22-6:4)

Imitate **Christ**

Work  
relationships  
(6:5-9)

Serve **Christ**

# Eph 5:21 - Doing double duty

## Concludes 5:15-21:

- speaking,
- singing,
- giving thanks,
- and submitting

## Introduces 5:22ff:

- Wives submit to your husbands
- Husbands love your wives



# Submitting to one another

Humble service with a “one another” attitude  
(Eph 5:21)

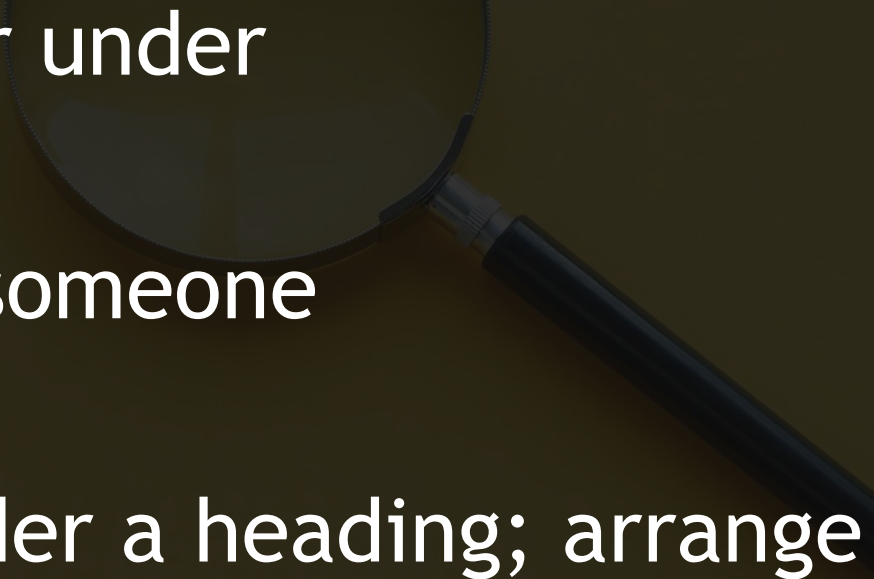
## Ephesians 5:22 Message

Spirit-filled wives are responsible for submitting to their husbands out of wonder and awe toward Christ

# Spirit-filled Wives - Eph 5:22

- I. Spirit-filled wives who walk in wisdom, this is for you
- II. You are responsible for submitting to your husbands
- III. Do this out of wonder and awe of Christ

# “Submit”

- To arrange under or order under
  - Surrender your rights to
  - Humble yourself toward someone
  
  - Ex: arrange list items under a heading; arrange people under a leader (government, military)
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## Husband's attitude toward his wife's submission

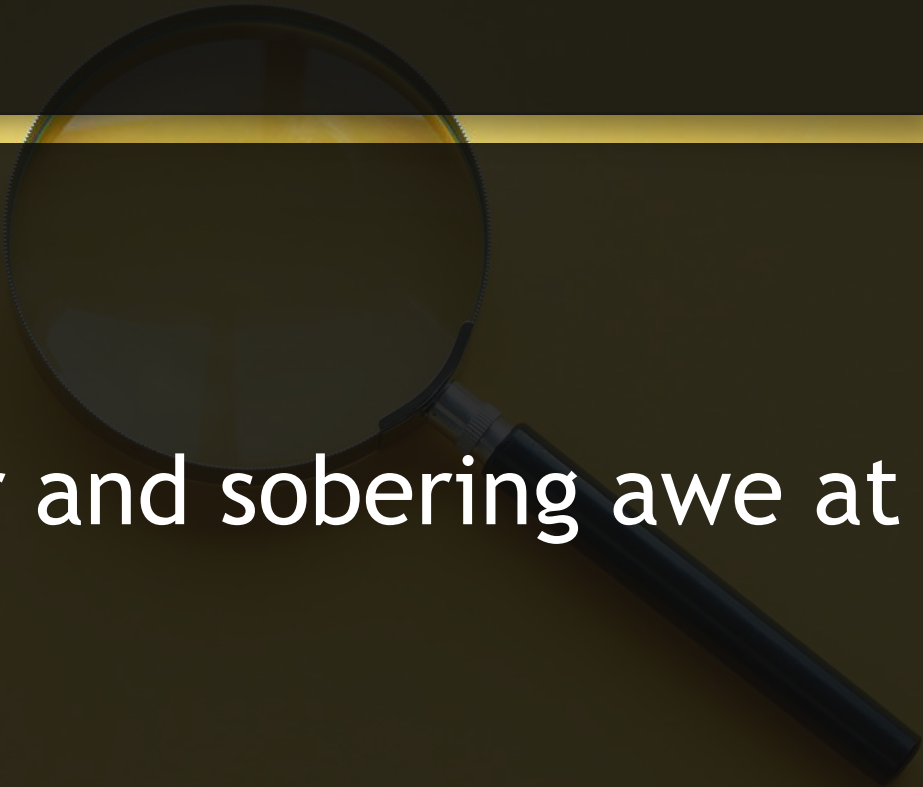
“A husband is not to treat his wife as a servant or as a child, but as an equal for whom God has given him care and responsibility for provision and protection, to be exercised in love. She is not his to order about, responding to his every wish and command”

# Distinctly Christian submission

A Spirit-filled wife's submission is a distinctly Christian action for the sake of her Lord, Jesus

# “Fear of Christ”

A sense of joyful wonder and sobering awe at His majesty



# Eph 5:22 - Three take-aways

1

These command  
require filling by  
the Spirit

2

Wise people  
embrace the  
perfection of  
God's design for  
men and women

3

This is all about  
Christ