

1 Peter 3:1 Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,  
2 when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.  
3 Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward--arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel--  
4 rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.  
5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,  
6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.  
7 **Husbands**, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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**Be submissive** means to place oneself under another, or to arrange under another's lead, or to willingly choose to obey and cooperate with another's lead. The opposite would be a stubborn unyielding, with the determination to have one's own way.

In keeping with the example that we saw in the relationship between God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. Jesus always placed Himself in submission to His Father. It was a willing choice to be submissive to His Father and thereby experience oneness.

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1 Timothy 2:8 I desire therefore that the **men** pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting;  
9 in like manner also, that the **women** adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,  
10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

Ephesians 5:22 **Wives**, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.  
23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.  
24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:25 **Husbands**, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Ephesians 5:28 So **husbands** ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.  
Ephesians 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

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

Colossians 3:19 **Husbands**, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

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