

# A1: Instructions for Christian Households



# Ephesians 5:21-33 (NIV)

Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.



22 Wives, submit yourselves  
to your own husbands as you  
do to the Lord.



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3. Submission is a spiritual act



23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior.



## Romans 12:4-5 (NIV)

<sup>4</sup> For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.



# 1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup> ...there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. <sup>26</sup> If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.



24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.



25 Husbands, love your  
wives, just as Christ loved  
the church and gave  
Himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to  
make her holy, cleansing  
her by the washing with  
water through the word,



27 and to present her to  
Himself as a radiant  
church, without stain or  
wrinkle or any other  
blemish, but holy and  
blameless.



John 10:18 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> No one can take my life from Me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded."



28 In this same way,  
husbands ought to love their  
wives as their own bodies.  
He who loves his wife loves  
himself. 29 After all, no one  
ever hated their own body,  
but they feed and care for  
their body, just as Christ  
does the church—



<sup>30</sup> for we are members of  
His body. <sup>31</sup> “For this  
reason a man will leave his  
father and mother and be  
united to his wife, and the  
two will become one  
flesh.”



<sup>32</sup> This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.



1 Peter 3:1-2(NIV)

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.



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