

## The Year of Sowing

### Prayer Guide

#### Week 27

### The Year of Sowing – Family – Wives Submit to Your Husbands

*As the church submits to Christ, so you wives should submit to your husbands in everything.*

#### Ephesians 5:24 (NLT)



**Prayer Focus:** This passage is often misunderstood to mean that the wife is somehow inferior to the husband. But actually the opposite is true. In God's design, the relationship of the husband and wife is one of equality as children of God. Although there is spiritual equality between men and women, there remain physical, positional and functional differences. There are designated functions for a husband and a wife which man cannot change because God has ordained them. Any endeavor to effect change will bring frustration, vanity, and emptiness ([Rom. 8:20](#)). God has made one woman to become a wife to one man, and she is so constituted by God Himself. But this is not due to her being inferior to her husband, for they are both equal before God. It is a willing personal subjection demonstrated in [Eph. 5:21](#), "submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. When the husband loves his wife as Christ loves the church, he creates an atmosphere where it is easy for his wife to submit in the Biblical manner of the Church submitting to Christ. We are all equal before God and the laws of society, and yet we have varying functions and responsibilities. If we accept certain functions under a fellow-human, we must subject ourselves to that individual to accomplish a common goal. So it is with a wife placing herself in the proper and divinely-fitted position under her husband. This is God's divinely ordained plan for the family.

- Day 1:** Wives, ask God to reveal to you if you are submitting to your husband as the Church submits to Christ.
- Day 2:** Seek out other scriptures that teach the relationship of the wife with her Husband. Ask God to teach you His plan.
- Day 3:** Confess any ways your heart has not been in submission to your husband.
- Day 4:** Pray to be the wife that God designed you to be for the sake of your family, and His glory.
- Day 5:** Pray for the wives in your church to take seriously these instructions in the Word of God.
- Day 6:** Pray that wives in other churches to be serious about following Christ's example in their relationships with their husbands.
- Day 7:** Pray for missionaries to teach these truths in the context of their mission field.