

## **The Beauty of Submission**

One of the most ugly characteristics of a marriage that is not set up according to Holy Scriptures is the power struggle that almost inevitably occurs between the husband and the wife. Whenever their wants or desires clash, as they are often wont to do, a childish game is played out. Who will get their way? Who will have to give in? The arguments and manipulations that ensue can, and often do, wreck even the strongest of marriages.

Many women would argue that submission to a husband is one-sided... he always gets his way... he automatically wins all the arguments... that it is terribly unfair to the wife. But those would be women who are ignorant of the peaceful inner workings of a marriage that is set up according to the Holy Scriptures.

Women who have surrendered their will to the Lord's, who have made the commitment to submit to their husbands regardless of the personal cost to themselves, have discovered a most surprising and beautiful reward in submission...

...for the husband of a wife truly committed to submission suddenly loathes to make her unhappy. While before he would have dug in his heels and resisted any effort she made to change his mind, now he openly seeks her opinion and most often will do anything in his power to please her, willingly and cheerfully giving up his own will when it is at all possible. He is most often gentle when he disagrees with her, and willing to discuss the reasons behind his decisions, listening to her input with an open heart. Rather than becoming a rampaging bully as one might expect, the opposite takes place. He becomes a compassionate leader with an open heart to the needs and desires of his wife.

Arguments become rare. There is peace in the home. The wife is cherished. The husband is respected. The marriage is strong.

That is the beauty of submission.