

**“JUST AS’ – THE MARRIAGE KEY”**

**SERMON NOTES**

*Ephesians 5:22-33 (Part 1)*

What messes up a marriage relationship? Not taking seriously God’s design for marriages.

I’m single... do I need to listen?

- 1) May be married one day & this will prepare you
- 2) We’re all disciples called to disciple others.

**I. Biblical submission must ultimately be unto the \_\_\_\_\_.** (vv. 21-22)

~ No verb in v. 22. It is in v. 21.

~ Submission is not a command here in v. 22-24. The commands are in vv. 15-17.



**“as to the Lord”**

**II. The husband is the \_\_\_\_\_ in the marriage relationship (v. 23)**

Roles have often been flip-flopped today in marriages due to husband’s passivity or wife’s domineering spirit.



**“as also Christ is the head of the church”**

Roles vs. Duties

Additional Thoughts:

- A. Gender-based roles within the marriage are God-ordained.
- B. The husband’s authority over his wife is for her good.
- C. Men, you are called to lead!



**III. Biblical submission should not be confused with its \_\_\_\_\_ (vv. 21, 22, 24)**

The Confusion:

Biblical Submission:

- A. Involves respecting your husband.
- B. Includes the desire to place the one over you.
- C. Not subverting his will & desires through deception, manipulation, or whining.
- D. Responding to him as leader & lover.
- E. Does not imply inferiority of the wife.
- F. Does not imply passivity.

**IV. Genuine, biblical submission must be \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 24)**

“in everything” – a phrase that has been often abused & sometimes most so by Christian men Paul/Peter in their respective texts are dealing with the basic principles not every scenario.



**“as the church submits to Christ”**

“In Everything” then...

- A. Does not mean that you can create loopholes to dodge the command/principle.
- B. Includes your thoughts, words, & deeds.
- C. Does not include following the husband’s command to sin or yielding to criminal behavior.
- D. Does not mean that you foster laziness & irresponsibility in him.