

“God’s Will for Wives”

1 Peter 3:1-6

By submitting to the authority of a conductor, individual musicians attain musical expression they could never realize individually or even as a collection of free-wheeling players.

Authority is necessary for classical musicians to bring musical fulfillment to others. The conductor's authority yields a greater degree of human flourishing than we would have from the musicians separately or individually. What is true for orchestras is true for human life in general.

I. Command to Wives

A. *What it is: Submit to Husbands*

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to them—for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account—so that they may do this with joy, not groaning; for this would be unhelpful for you.

“I am literally shaking with grief as I write this. I have spent years with women who have tried to de-program themselves after growing up in this baptized abuse. In these difficult days, I hoped that my denomination would stand up for women, loud and clear. Instead we are honoring and celebrating a man who has championed toxic theology for decades.”

- Carol Merritt

Authoritarian

“believing in, relating to or characterized by unquestioning obedience to authority.”

“In God’s wise purposes, men and women are not simply interchangeable, but rather they complement each other in mutually enriching ways. God ordains that they assume distinctive roles which reflect the loving relationship between Christ and the church, the husband exercising headship in a way that displays the caring, sacrificial love of Christ, and the wife submitting to her husband in a way that models the love of the church for her Lord.

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B. Scope of this Command

C. Goal in View

1. Strategic Mistake

2. Winning Strategy

a. Behavior

NIV - when they see the purity and
reverence of your lives.

ESV - when they see your respectful and
pure conduct.

1 Timothy 5:22

Do not lay hands upon anyone too quickly and thereby share responsibility for the sins of others; keep yourself free from sin.

Ephesians 5:33

“Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that *she respects her husband.*”

“A man’s highest need is to feel respect,
whereas a woman’s highest need is to feel
loved.”

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"She did very well. In the first 24 hours she got 150 messages. I had the profile up for two or three weeks, and she had close to 1000 men message her. She got probably 10 times the number of messages that my real profile got."

“It is the opposite to self-assertiveness and self-interest.”

“It is that temper of spirit in which we accept his dealings with us as good, and therefore without disputing or resisting.”

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II. Rejecting God's Command

A. Claiming an Exemption

B. Leads to Failed Marriages

