

Seeing Marriage Through God's Eyes – Part 2

~ Eph 5:21-33

1. The Wife – is fitted with specific responsibilities

1.1 – vs 21 and 22 – _____

~ "Submission means I voluntarily _____ what I might do naturally in this relationship in order to _____ you. If I have more power, as in a husband, parent, or boss, instead of doing what I might do _____ and use that power to make _____ life easier, out of reverence for Christ, I'll use my power instead to serve you. I'll give up even my life in order to benefit you." (Adapted from: Kevin A. Miller)

~ "Submission also means that if I have less power, [as in a wife, child, or slave], instead of doing what I might do naturally and _____ you every step of the way, I'm going to show you _____ and honor in order to benefit _____." (Ibid)

1.2 – vs 33 – _____

~ Considering the 6 responsibilities for husbands and the 2 for wives:

1. They are commands, NOT _____
2. They are NOT conditional. _____
3. They are personal. They are NOT _____
4. They are NOT prophetic. In other words, they are NOT meant to be fulfilled _____
5. They are NOT meant to be miraculous – in that they only happen _____

2. Power – is available from the Lord Himself

~ Ps 127:1ff Eph 5:18

3. The Purpose – is the explanation about why we exist