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Marriage Part I: Wives / Ephesians 5:21-24

**Within the church we are filled
with the Holy Spirit as we
submit to one another.**

(Ephesians 5:18b, 21)

**God calls wives to submit to
their husbands.**

(Ephesians 5:22-23, 33)

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Ephesians 4:15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. (NIV®)

...there is a dual notion of leadership and provision. Christ not only gives guidance, direction, and inspiration for his body, but he also provides strength, help, and sustenance for his people.

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Ephesians 5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (NIV®)

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Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings! (NIV®)

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(Ephesians 5:23-24)

Luke 22:42 “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.” (NIV®)

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