

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
October 11, 2009

Green Grass 5 – Responsibilities of a Wife

Note to husbands: Because this message was primarily directed to wives, you should be careful not to take it as an opportunity to point out your wife's failures. Remember to stay on your side of the fence.

1. Have you ever been frustrated in traffic because someone would not yield? Describe your feelings.
2. What role does submission play in the life of every follower of Christ?
3. Read and discuss the following scriptures.
 - Eph 5:22 Col 3:18, 1Ti 2:11-12, Tit 2:5
4. Discuss the following statement on the wife's responsibility to submit.
 - Submission is the divine calling of a wife to respond to her husband's leadership and help her husband using all of her gifts, skills, intellect, creativity, and energy.
 - It's the disposition to follow a husband's authority and an inclination to yield to his leadership.
 - It is an attitude that says, "I delight for you to take the initiative in our family. I am glad when you take responsibility for things and lead with love. I flourish in the relationship when you are not passive and I have to carry the weight of this family."
5. Read 1Peter 3:1-6.
 - What does God consider to be "very precious" in his sight. Do you consider it precious or repulsive?
 - What is the most powerful tool a wife has to change her husband? How have you seen this principle at work?
6. If you are a husband, share with your wife how it makes you feel knowing that God has given you the responsibility to lead her? Do you ever feel intimidated? What does she do to make it harder to fulfill your responsibility? What does she do to make it easier? How do you feel when she puts pressure on you to change? Does it work? How do you feel when she quietly submits?
7. List and discuss the points given in the message under the following headings.
 - What submission is NOT.
 - What submission is.

How are they different from what you had previously learned about a wife's responsibility to submit to her husband's leadership?

For wives only: Rate the statements below by circling a number from 1 (strong disagree) to 5 (strongly agree).

1. Our culture's influence has distracted me from my responsibilities as a wife and mother. 1 2 3 4 5
2. My attitudes and actions toward my husband show him respect. 1 2 3 4 5

3. My attitudes and actions toward my husband demonstrate a submissive response to his leadership. 1 2 3 4 5
4. My attitudes and actions toward my husband show him love. 1 2 3 4 5
5. My attitudes and actions toward my husband reflect contentment and trust in God. 1 2 3 4 5
6. My attitude and actions demonstrate I am committed to helping my husband. 1 2 3 4 5
7. I am willing to follow his direction for our family. 1 2 3 4 5
8. My husband knows I admire him 1 2 3 4 5
9. I am committed to helping my husband. 1 2 3 4 5
10. I accept my husband the way he is without using manipulation to change him. 1 2 3 4 5
11. I have not taken responsibility for things God designed for my husband to carry. 1 2 3 4 5
12. My husband knows he is my top priority. 1 2 3 4 5