

Title: What Your Marriage Tells the World About God

Introduction: Clearing the Road-Blocks

- Road-Block One: Oppressive Authority and the Sinful Heart
- Road-Block Two: Self-righteousness
- Road-Block Three: The Assumption of Irrelevance

Main Point: Your Marriage Tells Others What You Believe About God

1. Wives are a witness to the world by:

- Submitting to their husbands (1-2)
 - Submission is not: silence, inequality, subjection to men in general
 - Submission is: The willing and happy acceptance of your husband's responsibility (2, 3, 4, 6)
- Submitting "for the Lord's sake" (3:4, 6; 2:13, 16, 17, 19, 20)
 - This is the foundation for fearless good works (v. 6)
 - Proverbs 31:30, "Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised."

2. Husbands are a witness to the world by:

- Loving their wives with honor and knowledge (7)
- Love looks like:
 - Life with your wife "according to knowledge"
 - Prioritizing the spiritual life of your home

The Point for Husbands: If a husband wants his wife to joyfully submit he needs to joyfully accept the responsibilities that God has assigned to him.

The Point for Wives: If a wife wants her husband to be strong spiritual leaders she has to joyfully accept her husband's leadership.