

Submit to my Husband, you've got to be Kidding? #2

1 Pet. 3:1-6, Eph. 5:22-24

Submission is: (Adapted from Choosing to Love, Jerry & Barbara Cook)

- Giving - an attitude or willingness to sacrifice for others. How?
 - I'll listen to you.
 - I'll make time for you.
 - I'll serve you.
 - I'll sacrifice for you.
- Accepting - an attitude of giving out of myself to help you make a better decision for us. How?
 - I'll value you.
 - I'll trust you.
 - I'll follow you.
- Encouraging - an attitude of wanting you to become a better you not a better who I want you to become. How?
 - I'll believe in you.
 - I'll help you.

Benefits of submission:

- It demonstrates your obedience to the Lord. (Eph. 5:22)
- It illustrates for us a Godly hierarchy. (Eph. 5:23-24)
- It improves your Godly influence. (1Pet. 3:1-2, Prov. 19:13, 21:9, 21:19, 25:24, 27:15)
- It displays your true inner beauty. (1Pet. 3:3-6, Prov. 31:10-11, 30)

Points to Ponder:

- A submissive person focuses more on what they need to do rather than what the other person needs to do!
- A submissive person focuses more on their faults and how they can change rather than how can I change the other person's faults!
- A submissive person focuses more on doing what God tells them to do rather than what the world expects them to do!
- A submissive person focuses more on the benefits it provides for the marriage rather than the limitations it causes as perceived by culture!