



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - May 14, 2023

*God has standards for Marriage, Parenting and Work*

*“God’s standard for marriage and family produces meaning, happiness, blessedness, reward and fulfillment and it is the only standard that can produce those results.”*

*- Kent Hughes*

I. What does God say about Marriage? 5:21

*“and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”*

A. We “arrange ourselves under”

B. We submit to God’s authority structure

C. We submit for the sake of Christ.

II. What does God say to the Wife? 5:22

*“Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”*

A. Submit Regardless

B. Submit Within

C. Submit For the Sake

III. Why does God say this? 5:23-24

*"For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything."*

A. It is HIS Perfect Design

B. It is His ACCOUNTABLE Design

IV. So what does/doesn't submission look like?

A. It starts by removing loopholes

B. It is in your mind first

C. It is reflected in your words

D. It is not a blanket “yes”

E. It is not Passivity, Inferiority or Spiritual Suppression

F. It is full of joy!