

LINCOLN COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
SERMON OUTLINE
Oct. 28th, 2018
Col. 3:18

RECAP: Up to this point, we've talked about individual sanctification. What you, as an individual person, should be doing. Now, we're going to where he now lays out Christian living in community and in family settings. In the coming weeks, we're going to spend a lot of time on family issues.

- **BIG PICTURE:**

- So we see here that the over-arching principle, design, and purpose of woman in the beginning was to be man's "helper." **Genesis 2:18-24, Mark 10:8.**
- Then we see the character and heart attitude of the ideal godly woman in the famous passage **Proverbs 31:12-16, 25-30.**
- So we see here the work of the wife, which is to submit. And note also that it is placed so because it is in reference to the relationship of Christ and church! **Eph. 5:22-24, Titus 2:3-5**

- **GREEK ETYMOLOGY:**

- The word for wife is "gunae," and for man, "andros," which is the generic word for man/woman, as Greek doesn't have a word for "husband and wife."
- Then also, we have "submission," which is "upo-tasso," a compound word that means "to put under arrangement/to order yourself under." This is *not* the Greek word for "obedience."
- **Obedience vs. Submission:** When we talk of submission, we don't just talk of outward obedience to leadership, but also an inward spirit. You can have children that obey, but don't submit. Submission isn't a grudging obedience, and it's not a lip-service, it's an intentional, deliberate placing of oneself under headship joyfully.
- It also means understanding the role of *help-meet*. It means realizing a husband's goals, as conformed to Scripture, and being involved in, and achieving those goals. It's not just obedience; it means a total submission and willingness to serve.
- **It also means headship in spiritual matters and governance of family.** This means that wives are to defer to their husbands in matters of spirituality and church. **1st Cor. 14:33-35.**

- **OBJECTIONS:**

- **Question:** Does this mean that women are inferior to men? No, clearly not! **Galatians 3:28**
- **Question:** Does this mean all women, everywhere, submit to all men? No! By definition, if a woman submits to her husband, she can't submit to every man!
- **Question:** Do wives submit to husbands who are acting/living in sin? No! Wives are constrained to obey Christ, and if the husband is not submitting to Christ through Scripture, than wives certainly are not permitted to sin!
- **Question:** Does this mean that women submit at any cost, even at the cost of abuse? No! We object to any man who acts in such unrepentant sin, and if necessary, we obey the biblical principle of defending the oppressed and innocent.

- **Conclusion: Be a wife that brings glory to God by submission to your husband. Be a wife that seeks to live out your designed purpose of being a help-meet for your man. Don't live for power, or domination, or your own will, because neither you nor your husband nor**

anyone ultimately is going to benefit from doing that.