



**Gracepath: Biblical Womanhood
Fall 2011/Spring 2012
Homework Assignment #12**

In anticipation of our next meeting, we've prepared four daily assignments. Each day, you'll read a short portion of the Bible and answer two or three questions. Since time spent in God's word is best when it is conversational (God speaks to you, you respond) we've included a prayer prompt as well.

Day #1

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Take a closer look at the Body as a picture of interdependence and love. What is the problem with jealousy or arrogance in this kind of interdependent relationship?

What does this passage teach about the value and importance of various people in your life—no matter how different they are from you?

How does this impact your view of the importance of a woman's role in society and in a marriage relationship?

You are incredibly valuable in God's design for humanity. Your role is unique and you cannot be replaced by anyone else. Thank God for creating you for your own place in his plan—in society, in the Church, and in your family.

Day #2

Read Ephesians 5:22-33

In this passage, whose example are husbands commanded to follow? What are they commanded to do?

Whose example are wives commanded to follow? What are they commanded to do?

Which command do you think is harder to obey? Why?

If you are married, what challenges do you face in submitting to your husband? If you are single, how does this passage affect you?

Ask God to show you *one way* you can obey Him this week in light of this passage.

Day #3

Read Ephesians 5:22-33

Both a marriage and the Church are compared (metaphorically) to a third entity in this passage. What is it?

Paul could have used different imagery to make his point (for example, a king and his kingdom or a general and his army). What difference does it make to your understanding that he uses the image of a head and a body?

Consider the value of a head to the body, and a body to the head. Do you value your husband in this way? Do you strive to be that valuable to him? (If you are single, think of how you value your future husband or respect for “marriage” in general.)

Thank God for giving us such a beautiful picture of “love and respect” in His Church and in our own bodies.

Day #4

Read Genesis 2:24

What does this passage say a man and his wife become?

What does “one flesh” mean to you, in light of the other passages we studied this week?

Praise God for the beauty of the marriage relationship—that, like a human body, it is “fearfully and wonderfully made.”