



**Gracepath: Biblical Womanhood  
Fall 2011/Spring 2012  
Homework Assignment #16**

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 Ephesians 5:33

What is the command given to husbands here? What is the corresponding command to wives?

How important is it for you, as a woman, to know that you are loved?

Why do you think God gave different commands to husbands and wives?

God understands your need to be loved, and He loves you better than any man ever could. Thank Him for that love and for valuing that need enough to instruct others about it.

**Day #2**

Read Ephesians 5:33

What limits or conditions are placed on these commands by this passage?

Most of us think of “true love” as being unconditional. Do you think of “true respect” in the same way? Explain.

What does it mean to give a husband unconditional respect? What are the challenges involved?

Thank God for making men and women differently, with different needs as well as different strengths. Ask Him to give you appreciation as well as sympathy for the men in your life.

### **Day #3**

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

When we focus on the word “submissive” many of us have a negative reaction. How does it change your reading of this passage if you focus on these words instead:

- won over
- purity
- reverence
- gentleness
- beautiful
- courage (not giving way to fear)

Similarly, how is your understanding of the word “weaker” impacted when you focus on these words:

- considerate
- respect
- partner
- heirs

Why do you think Peter mentions “not giving way to fear”? In what way could fear affect a wife’s submission to her husband?

Ask God to give you the courage to live life according to his plan.

**Day #4**

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7

According to the passage, what is the effect of a wife's submission on her husband?

What is the effect for a husband who fails to live in a considerate way with his wife?

Peter says, "Husbands, *in the same way...*" Since he is giving the husbands a different command, what is meant by "in the same way"? What is similar about the two commands?

God's commands are for our good and our obedience to them brings us closer to Him when we do it for His sake. Thank God that He always has your best interest in mind.