

A MARRIAGE HOLD UP!

Ephesians 5:22-24

**Ladies will you hold
your husband up this week?**

I. AN ATTITUDE OF RESPECT - Ephesians 5:22-24, 33

A. THE SUMMARY (33b)

- And the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

B. THE SUBMISSION (22-24)

- *The #1 way you demonstrate your respect is through submission.*

1. The Command (22a)

- *Be subject to your own husbands*

- a. Doing God's will by voluntarily placing yourself under your husband's authority and control
- b. Literally: "To arrange under"

2. The Condition (22b)

- *As to the Lord*

- a. Your Will: You accept the order God constituted for the human family
- b. Your Worship: This is a spiritual activity "to the Lord"

3. The Reason (23)

- *God put him there!*

- a. The Design: God designed husbands for headship
- b. The Details: You didn't get to pick your head – God did!

4. The Plan (24)

- *Be subject in everything*

- a. Being Subject: Enthusiastic surrender
- b. The Situation: To be unsubmitive is to be disrespectful!
- c. The Silence: Don't gripe against God or chafe under His divine design

II. THE APPAREL OF RESPECT - I Peter 3:3-6

A. HEART ADORNMENT (3-4)

B. HOLY-WOMAN ADORNMENT (5-6)

1. The Exercise: Submission (5)

2. The Expression (6)

- A respectful deference to his leadership both privately and publically

III. THE ACTION OF RESPECT - Song of Solomon 5:10-16

A. HER EXCLAMATION

1. Literally (?): “What a hunk!” > He’s the best! (v.10)
2. She respects his looks
 - Elsewhere she respects his love – see 2:4-7

B. HER EXCITEMENT (16b)

- This is my beloved and friend!

C. HIS EGO

1. He is built up
2. He knows she respects him!

CONCLUSION:

Ladies, will you hold your husband up?

- Don’t stop him or rob him ... honor him!
- I’d love to hear of some great “hold-ups” this week! (wouldn’t you?)

Will you respect your husband?

- Single ladies: If you can’t respect the guy now don’t even think about dating him!
- Married ladies: Do you speak well to others about your husband?
- Widowed ladies: Do you focus on, think of and share the good things about your deceased husband?

Wives do you submit to your husband?

- If not, why not?

May God give us good and godly homes!

- *Homes where hold ups happen regularly!*