

Sarah

*Before you begin your lesson prepare your heart in prayer.
Ask the Lord to open His word to you, to make you teachable and to
help you understand and apply the Scriptures to your own life.*

1. Look up the following words and write their definitions:

Submission

Submissive

Submit

- A. Explain any differences you see in these words.

2. Look up the following passages and list those we are to submit to.

James 4:7

I Peter 2:13-18

I Peter 5:5

Hebrews 13:17

Ephesians 5:21

Ephesians 5:22

Colossians 3:18

3. What benefits will you receive in submitting to:

The Lord

The laws of the land

An employer

Church leadership

Your husband

4. According to Ephesians 5:22-33 what is God's design for authority in the home?

5. How does Genesis 2:18 define our roles as wives?

As we look at submission in our lesson this week, we will look at Sarah's life as an example.

“Sarah is a fine example of a woman who loved her husband unconditionally and tenaciously. She shared not only her husband's challenges and heartaches but also his dreams and blessings. She did not waver; she stood by his side through good choices and bad decisions, adversities and blessings, in youth and old age.”

The Woman's Study Bible

6. Read Genesis 12:1-5. Sarah left the country she knew to go to a distant land the Lord would show Abraham. How did she respond to her husband's news?

A. What would be your response if the Lord were to lead your husband to “a new land”?

B. List some possible consequences that may have taken place if Sarah had refused to go.

C. Can you share a personal example of your submission or lack of submission and the benefits or consequences.

7. In Genesis 12:9-20 and 20:1-18 we see Sarah submitting to her husband in difficult situations. From these passages describe what happened to Sarah.

A. How do you see God protecting Sarah in her submission to Abraham?

B. What does I Peter 3:5 add to this? (also see Proverbs 3:5; Psalm 37:3-5)

C. Husbands are imperfect, just as wives are, how can you be a supportive, godly wife when you disagree?

D. If your husband isn't walking with the Lord or doesn't know the Lord are you still required to submit to him? (see I Peter 3:1-6)

8. Read Genesis 18:1-6. Sarah was to have the most important, unexpected guests for dinner in her life. What was her response to Abraham's request of "Whip up a nice meal, quick!"?

A. What is your response when your husband asks you to do something that is not convenient for you?

B. Read Hebrews 13:2. How does this verse and Sarah's example encourage you to be submissive in hospitality.

9. Sarah was committed to her man, his mission and her marriage. Titus 2:4-5 tells us to love and obey our husbands. Do you see submission an act of love? Please explain your answer.

"Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies.
The heart of her husband safely trusts her; so he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil all the days of her life." Proverbs 31:10-12
Selah!

10. How can you show loving submission to your husband in each of the following areas?

Housework

Child rearing/discipline

Physical relationship

Husband's work

Church

