

Types of Wives Identified in Scriptures.

Pt. 1



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(1) Genesis 2:18 Wife

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

- ¹⁸ **The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”**

Genesis 2:18 (AMPC)

- ¹⁸ Now the Lord God said, it is not good (sufficient, satisfactory) that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.

Genesis 2:18 (AMP)

- ¹⁸ Now the LORD God said, “It is not good (beneficial) for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper [one who balances him—a counterpart who is] suitable and complementary for him.”

The Man...

- i) Was under authority (vs 15 - **“The LORD God took the man ...”**)
- ii) Was dwelling in God’s presence (vs 15 - **“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”**)
- iii) Was so focused on his God-given assignment (vs 15 - **“The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”**)
- iv) Was alone (all one), not lonely; as identified by the Lord (vs 18) and God took **responsibility** for man’s aloneness (“all one”).

Genesis 2:15 NIV - “The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.”

Therefore, the Genesis 2:18 Wife...

- i) Is a woman on an assignment (helper) from God, to bring balance to her husband.
- ii) Is a helper and her role as a helper can only be effectively implemented in a specific environment (the presence of God).
- iii) Is a complementing companion to her husband. God uniquely resolved man's aloneness with her presence.
- iv) Is one whom God takes responsibility for her "making" (bringing about; fashioning; producing). Therefore, she too must be coming from His presence.
- v) Is a helper suitable for him not a **suitable helper** for him.

“helper suitable” vs “suitable helper”

☐ **Helper suitable for him.**

- The Lord knows what is best for him (the man) and understands the end from the beginning as concerns the man's assignment.
- The Lord, (if permitted by man) will lead the man to a helper suitable
 - one who is needed to fulfill assignment.
 - one who can evolve with the growth of the man's assignment.
 - one who has capacity for the specific assignment.

☐ **Suitable helper for him.**

- one who is wanted and meets only instant needs.
- Unable to evolve and accommodate growth in the man's assignment.

Therefore, the Genesis 2:18 Wife...

- vi) Is one who understands and seeks to understand when her services are needed. She does not seek to take over her husband's assignment.
- vii) Is one who understands that God is not attempting to “satisfy” or make her husband “sufficient” (Genesis 2:18a AMPC) at her expense.
- viii) Is one who lives in unity and oneness. Therefore, there is agreement.

(Attention: Make your home an argument free zone!!!)

(2) Proverbs 18:22 Wife

Proverbs 18:22 (NIV)

He who finds a wife, finds what is good and obtains favor from the Lord

“**Good**”- a Hebrew word “towb” which means “beautiful” and is used to describe that which is **pleasant; agreeable; good.**

The Proverbs 18:22 wife

- Is one who gives a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment (**pleasant**).
- Is one who is enjoyable and pleasurable, willing to agree to something (**agreeable**).
- Is one who is to be desired or approved of (**good**).
- Is a woman of great value.

Proverbs 18:22 Wife

- Is one who purposefully invest in herself in order to become the best her (a woman of value/substance).
- Is pursued; she does not pursue.
- Is not an attention seeker. The one who finds her must be keen and observant.
- Is filled with so much insight.
- Is a carrier of favor. The one who finds her experiences favor.

The Man who finds a Proverbs 18:22 Woman...

- Is a husband (husband material).
- Is one who can identify and appreciate value.
- Is one who is decisive (to be with her or not).
- Is one who cares about her wellbeing and not out to destroy her.

(3) The Quarrelsome Wife

Proverbs 19:13 (NIV)

A foolish child is a father's ruin, and a quarrelsome wife is like the constant dripping of a leaky roof.

A quarrelsome wife...

- Is a wife who “**malfunctions**” and it is demonstrated through quarrels, wrangling, contentions, naggings, etc.
- Does not understand the value of herself and others.
- Wastes her resources (energy, time, items, etc.) and the resources of others.

The Quarrelsome Wife

Proverbs 21:9 (NIV)

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

A quarrelsome wife...

- Belongs to the category of nagging, quarrelsome and faultfinding women.
- Abuses the privilege of companionship.
- Inconveniencens others.
- Is selfish.

The Quarrelsome Wife

Proverbs 21:19 (NIV)

Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.

A quarrelsome wife...

- Is unfruitful (unfavorable to growth); and will cause others to choose unfruitfulness, possibly out of frustration.
- Is unproductive (incapable of producing something, especially in abundance).

The Quarrelsome Wife

Proverbs 25:24 (NIV)

Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Proverbs 25:24 (AMPC)

It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop than to share a house with a disagreeing, quarrelsome, and scolding woman.

A quarrelsome wife ...

- Belongs to the category of the disagreeing, quarrelsome and scolding women.
- Is a source of inconvenience.

(4) The Submissive Wife

Ephesians 5:22 (AMPC)

Wives, be subject (be submissive and **adapt** yourselves) to your **own** husbands
as [a service] to the Lord.

Titus 2:4-5 (AMPC)

Wisely train the younger women to be...**adapting and** subordinating themselves to their
husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).

1 Peter 3:1a (NIV)

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your **own** husbands...

“Biblical Submission” vs “Worldly Submission”

Biblical Submission

✓ **Faith based** (There is a scripture or more for it).

2 Cor 5:7 - We live by faith not by sight.

✓ **Two-way street (reciprocal) for the purpose of glorifying God.**

Ephesians 5:21 - Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

✓ **Beyond the action of obedience. Align your emotions willingly.**

Worldly Submission

Has no foundation.

One-way street.

Action only (obedience).

The Submissive Wife

- i) A wife who submits, does so as a service to the Lord.
- ii) A wife ought to be submissive to her own husband not every other woman's husband.

This is so because God said in **Genesis 2:18 (NIV)**... **I will make him a helper** (suitable, adapted, complementary) for him.

NB:

A submissive wife's responsibility is to the one she is suitable, adapted, complementary to and the one whom she balances. By being submissive, she is offering her services (of obedience) to the Lord by fulfilling her assignment as a helper.

Understanding submission through the Principle of Adaptation.

Principle of Adaptation

- When you adapt, you do not become the other thing.

You assume the form of the other thing for a purpose/season.

Therefore, your unique identity is not lost in the process.

Therefore, we can safely conclude that to be adaptive to one's own husband is

- To be helpful (**Genesis 2:18 (AMPC)**)
- To be submissive (**Ephesians 5:33 (AMPC)**)
- To be obedient (**Titus 2:5 (AMPC)**)

Submission in this context, therefore,

- Is to one's own husband not all husbands.

Wives ought not to be adapting themselves to other women's husbands because God did not "make" them suitable, adaptive and complementary for those husbands. Neither are they capable of balancing those husbands.

Submit is the Greek word "hupotasso" – to place or rank under, to subject, to obey.



QUESTIONS



PRAYER POINTS

James 1:22 (NIV)

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

- I receive grace to implement all that I have received today.
- May these truths become flesh.
- May I be a vessel the Lord will use to teach others these truths.



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