

# A Lesson for Her Children

## Proverbs 31:30

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. NASB

### Let the wife see to it that she respect her husband

One of the chief duties of motherhood is to *teach and instruct her children*. Surely that godly woman who pleases Christ is zealous to teach her children aright and to nurture them with godly instruction.

**Proverbs 31:26** - 26 She opens her mouth in wisdom, And **the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**  
NASB

Consider therefore what a woman teaches her children by her behavior toward her husband? Indeed the children are being “*won over without words*” by the way she lives her life in the home. In light of this let us consider God’s word to the wife in the home regarding her behavior toward her husband. The theme of submission is on which is repeated several times in scripture.

**Ephesians 5:22-24** - 22 **Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But **as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.**  
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**1 Peter 3:1-6** - 3:1 In the same way, you wives, **be submissive to your own husbands** so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as **they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.** 3 And let not your adornment be merely external — braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, **with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit,** which is precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, **being submissive to their own husbands.** 6 **Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord,** and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear. NASB

It is rather clear that a woman who pleases God will be submissive to her husband “*in everything*” and “*as to the Lord*” and with “*chaste and respectful behavior.*”

### God’s Word Honored in the Home

Consider Pauls words to Titus about his instruction to the women in the church....

**Titus 2:4-5** - 4 that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, **being subject to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored.** NASB

In what ways will a “*wife’s submission to her husbands authority*” affect the children’s thinking and actions about submission to authority?

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How will this affect “*honor to the Word of God*” in the home?

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What will this teach the children if she “*gives proper respect*” to her husband?

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What will this teach the children if she “*disrespects*” her husband?

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If these things be obvious, consider further how obedience to the scripture we saw earlier will affect the mother's instruction to the children.

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If a wife *“talks back”* and frequently challenges a husband's direction, what will this teach the children about how to regard God given authority?

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Is there ever a proper place for *“aggressive challenging words”* from the wife to husband? Is this how the church is subject to Christ?

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If a wife treats her husband with *“chaste and respectful behavior,”* what are the children likely to learn about how to behave toward God given authority?

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If a wife possess a *“gentle and quiet spirit”* in the home, what do you suppose will be the affect on the children? Does God value this?

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What lesson can be learned from *“Sarah calling Abraham lord?”* Why did she do this and why does the scripture say she *“adorned herself”* in this way?

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