



Biblical Portrait of the Helper

- By God's design the wife is the helper of the husband and actively assists, encourages and supports him.



Biblical Principals for the Helper

1. Helper of the husband is the wife, because of God's design.
(Assist, encourage, supports)

Gen 2:18-23

2. The Helper prioritizes her energies to help her husband.

Gen 2:18-23



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3. The Helper is the divinely designated worker of the home.

Titus 2:5

4. The Helper is to actively manage the house under her husband's authority as the despot of the oikos.

Despot: overseer

Oikos: affairs

Proactively manages the home. I
Tim 5:14



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5. The helper invest her life so her husband becomes known in the gates.

Prov 31:11-12, 22-24

Together

We affirm today that God designed the wife to be the Helper of the husband. We willingly choose to submit to God's design for our marriage.

Wife

I commit to you that I will respond to God's call on my life to be your Helper. I ask for your forgiveness for the times I have failed you and not been the Helper that the Lord expects me to be. I hereby pledged to be an active Helper who serves you with all of my abilities and with all of my heart.

Husband

I commit to you that I will respond to God's call on my life to honor you as my Helper. I ask for your forgiveness for the times I may have taken advantage of you as my wife or not expressed my sincere appreciation for how you manage our home. I hereby pledge to share my life more fully with you so that we can "run the race" as a wonderful team.



Biblical Portrait of Submitting

As Helper, the wife voluntarily submits to her husband by respectfully bringing all areas of her life under his headship



Biblical Principals of Submitting to your Husband

1. Submit to your husband
because God commands you to
hupatasso. (arrange underneath)
Eph 5:22-24 Col 3:18

2. Submit to your husband as to
the Lord, because it is fitting to
the Lord. (Duty- a mindset)
Eph 5:22



Biblical Principals of Submitting to your Husband

3. Submit to your husband in everything. (Does not include immoral, illegal or life threatening) Eph 5:23-24; I Pet 3:1-4

4. Submit to your husband with attitudes and actions of genuine respect. Eph 5:33

5. Submit to your husband with a gentle and quiet spirit. (peace)

I Pet 3:4; Rom 8:28

Personal Pledge

Get alone with your husband and review the following statements together. Discuss them briefly together. Explain your desire to move in the direction of becoming a submitting wife. Then speak your personal pledge to him out loud. If he feels comfortable, your husband may join you in the joint pledge and then speak the husband's pledge to you.

Together We affirm today that God has called the wife to submit voluntarily and continuously as the church submits to Christ.

Wife I commit to submit to you by arranging all parts of my life underneath you as head of our marriage. I pledge to submit to you "in everything" and "as unto the Lord." I commit to submit to you with a joyful attitude of genuine respect as my head even though I may not always agree with you. I will fulfill God's calling on my life by being your submissive Helper.

Husband I commit to becoming the kind of husband you find a pleasure and comfort to submit to as your head. You know how very important it is to me that you support and believe in me as your husband. I pledge to be sensitive to your needs and open to your wishes.