

CHECKLIST FOR CHRISTIAN WIVES

I. HOW AM I DOING IN SUBMITTING TO AUTHORITY IN GENERAL?

1. Do I understand and agree with and trust God's establishment of authority?
2. Do I see rebellion against authority as sin against God?
3. Do I see (and treat) my authorities as God's servants to me for good?
4. Do I speak slanderously against authority in general? Against some in particular?
5. How much of the time do I fear authority and thus show my rebellious heart?

II. HOW AM I DOING AT PUTTING TO DEATH ATTITUDES THAT UNDERMINE MY RESPECT FOR MY HUSBAND AS MY GOD-GIVEN AUTHORITY?

1. Am I a humble and submissive wife who is too abased to look down on others? (Or am I a proud woman who frequently looks down upon others, especially my husband, who I criticize? How often am I self-righteous in my attitude toward my husband and others? How much of the time do I see myself as better than others?)
2. Am I an unbiblical perfectionist who expects from my husband and other creatures those things that only heaven and God will bring in true perfection?
3. Am I a romantic idealist who has a phantom lover in her heart which no real man could ever compete with in reality?
4. Do I arrogantly think of myself as "entitled" to better than I have? What does God really owe me; beside hell? Am I really just a discontented person?
5. What things am I demanding of my husband (or secretly criticizing him for) that are really only to be found in God himself? Am I an idolatrous woman who looks to a creature for happiness, satisfaction, contentment and security which are only to be found in the Creator Himself?
6. How much of my anguish with my husband is really the result of my own lack of trust in God and His resources and His adequacy and His perfect love?

III. HOW AM I DOING AT BECOMING A SUBMISSIVE WIFE?

1. Is my regular and conscious attitude one of being in submission to my husband?
2. Do I submit out of a desire to see my God and Savior honored in my life/marriage?
3. Do I see my flaring up in rebellion as a dishonoring of my Savior?
4. How much of the time do I view my husband as God's chosen instrument to make me more Christ-like, which is His eternal goal for me?
5. Do I really believe that God always blesses obedience?
6. If I agree with my husband's final decision, do I give in to murmuring and complaining or gossiping to others? How much of the time do I talk back to him?
7. Do I speak irreverently to my husband? How much? Do I see it for the sin it is?
8. Do I criticize my husband, complain about him or undermine him to the children?
9. Am I raising future rebels who are modeling themselves after me even now?

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