

Heart of a *Godly* Wife

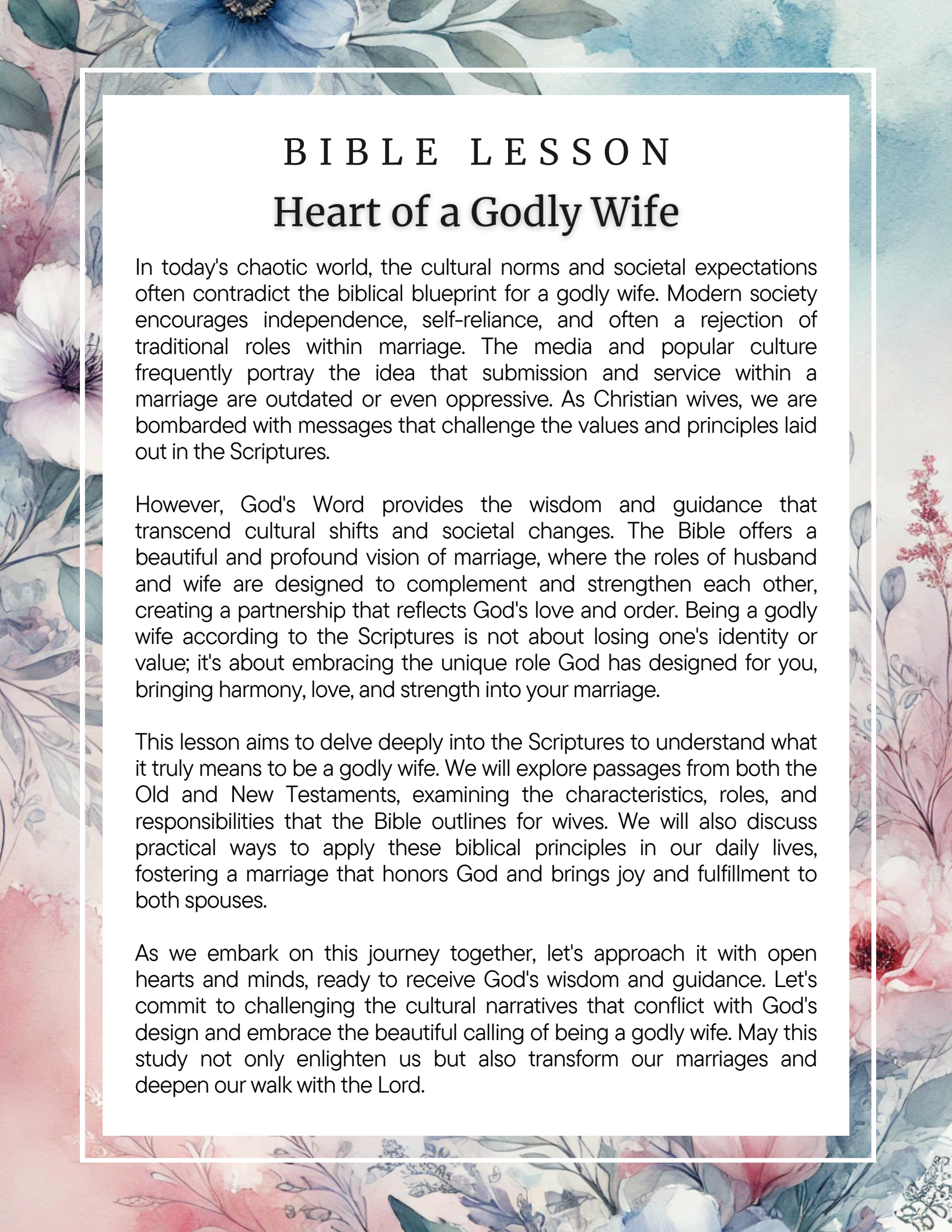
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In today's chaotic world, the cultural norms and societal expectations often contradict the biblical blueprint for a godly wife. Modern society encourages independence, self-reliance, and often a rejection of traditional roles within marriage. The media and popular culture frequently portray the idea that submission and service within a marriage are outdated or even oppressive. As Christian wives, we are bombarded with messages that challenge the values and principles laid out in the Scriptures.

However, God's Word provides the wisdom and guidance that transcend cultural shifts and societal changes. The Bible offers a beautiful and profound vision of marriage, where the roles of husband and wife are designed to complement and strengthen each other, creating a partnership that reflects God's love and order. Being a godly wife according to the Scriptures is not about losing one's identity or value; it's about embracing the unique role God has designed for you, bringing harmony, love, and strength into your marriage.

This lesson aims to delve deeply into the Scriptures to understand what it truly means to be a godly wife. We will explore passages from both the Old and New Testaments, examining the characteristics, roles, and responsibilities that the Bible outlines for wives. We will also discuss practical ways to apply these biblical principles in our daily lives, fostering a marriage that honors God and brings joy and fulfillment to both spouses.

As we embark on this journey together, let's approach it with open hearts and minds, ready to receive God's wisdom and guidance. Let's commit to challenging the cultural narratives that conflict with God's design and embrace the beautiful calling of being a godly wife. May this study not only enlighten us but also transform our marriages and deepen our walk with the Lord.

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Understanding the Role of a Wife According to the Bible

18 The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." 19 Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. 20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. 21 So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. 22 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." 24 That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Creation of Woman: Genesis 2:18-24

God created woman as a helper suitable for man. In the Garden of Eden, God saw that it was not good for man to be alone and created woman from man's rib to be his companion. This passage highlights the complementary roles of husband and wife, designed to support and strengthen each other. Being a helper does not imply inferiority but rather a partnership where both husband and wife contribute uniquely to the marriage.

How do you see the role of a helper in your marriage? In what ways can you support your husband in his God-given roles?

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10 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. 11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. 13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She gets up while it is still night; she provides food for her family and portions for her female servants. 16 She considers a field and buys it; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard. 17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks. 18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night. 19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. 26 She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. 27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all." 30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

The Virtuous Wife: Proverbs 31:10-31

The virtuous wife described in Proverbs 31 is an epitome of diligence, wisdom, kindness, and reverence for the Lord. She manages her household with skill, provides for her family, and engages in business, all while honoring God. This passage serves as an inspiration for wives to strive for excellence in all areas of life, reflecting God's glory in their actions and attitudes.

Which characteristics of the Proverbs 31 woman do you admire most? How can you incorporate these virtues into your daily life?

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Loving and Respecting Your Husband

Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Submission to Your Husband: Ephesians 5:22-24

Submission in marriage, as outlined in Ephesians 5, is often misunderstood. Biblical submission is about mutual respect and love, where the wife willingly places herself under her husband's leadership, just as the church submits to Christ. It is not about inferiority but about fulfilling God's design for marriage, where both partners work together in harmony.

What does biblical submission mean to you? How can you show love and respect to your husband through submission?

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However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Respecting Your Husband: Ephesians 5:33

Respecting your husband is about honoring him in both words and actions, recognizing his value as your partner, and showing appreciation for his role in your life. Ephesians 5:33 encourages wives to respect their husbands, emphasizing the mutual love and respect that build a strong and healthy marriage. This respect fosters trust, deepens emotional connection, and sets a foundation of support and understanding. It's shown through active listening, expressing gratitude, and being mindful of how you communicate, even during disagreements. Respecting your husband is not about agreeing on everything but valuing him as an equal partner in your shared journey.

How can you better incorporate respect into your daily interactions with your husband to strengthen your relationship and reflect the love described in Ephesians 5:33?

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The Role of a Helper: Genesis 2:18

Being a helper, as described in Genesis 2:18, involves supporting and encouraging your husband in his endeavors. This role is vital in creating a balanced and harmonious marriage, where both partners feel valued and supported. The concept of being a helper is rooted in the understanding that marriage is a partnership ordained by God.

In what ways do you currently support your husband? How can you enhance your role as a helper in your marriage?

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9 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor:

10 If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

11 Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

12 Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.

The Strength of Unity: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 highlights the strength and benefits of working together as a team. A cord of three strands is not easily broken, symbolizing the power of unity and mutual support in marriage. When husbands and wives work together, they can overcome challenges and achieve more than they could individually.

How does working together with your husband strengthen your marriage? What are some areas where you can improve unity and cooperation in your relationship?

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Cultivating a Spirit of Gentleness and Quietness

Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

The Beauty of a Gentle and Quiet Spirit: 1 Peter 3:1-6

1 Peter 3:1-6 speaks of the inner beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. This passage encourages wives to focus on their inner character rather than external appearances. A gentle and quiet spirit can positively influence your husband and create a peaceful and loving home environment.

How can you cultivate a gentle and quiet spirit in your daily life? In what ways does your inner beauty reflect God's love to your husband?

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12 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Clothe Yourself with Virtues: Colossians 3:12-14

Colossians 3:12-14 urges believers to clothe themselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. These virtues are essential in creating a Christ-centered marriage. By embodying these qualities, wives can reflect God's love and grace in their interactions with their husbands.

Which of these virtues do you find most challenging to practice? How can you intentionally incorporate these virtues into your marriage?

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Managing the Home with Wisdom and Care

27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Watching Over the Affairs of the Household: Proverbs 31:27

Proverbs 31:27 highlights the importance of a wife managing her household with wisdom and diligence. A godly wife ensures that her home is well-organized, providing a nurturing environment for her family. This management includes overseeing daily tasks, making wise financial decisions, and creating a loving atmosphere.

How do you manage the affairs of your household? What improvements can you make to ensure your home runs smoothly and lovingly?

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3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 Then they can urge the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Teaching and Encouraging Younger Women: Titus 2:3-5

Titus 2:3-5 emphasizes the role of older women in guiding and encouraging younger wives. This mentorship helps younger women learn how to love their husbands and children, be self-controlled and pure, and manage their households effectively. It promotes a community of support and wisdom-sharing among women.

How have you benefited from the guidance of older women in your life? How can you mentor and encourage younger women in their roles as wives?

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33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Seek First the Kingdom of God: Matthew 6:33

Matthew 6:33 encourages believers to seek God's kingdom and righteousness first. For wives, this means prioritizing their relationship with God above all else. A strong spiritual foundation equips wives to face challenges, make wise decisions, and love their husbands and families effectively.

How do you prioritize your relationship with God in your daily life? What steps can you take to deepen your spiritual walk and its impact on your marriage?

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6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Prayer and Peace: Philippians 4:6-7

Philippians 4:6-7 teaches the importance of prayer in maintaining peace. By presenting our requests to God with thanksgiving, we can experience His peace, which transcends all understanding. A strong prayer life helps wives stay grounded in God's truth and respond to life's challenges with calm and confidence.

How does prayer help you maintain peace in your marriage? What can you do to strengthen your prayer life and its influence on your thought life?

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