

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY



Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
within your house,
Your children like olive plants
around your table.
Behold, for thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the Lord

Psalm 128:3-4

WEST OAKS CHURCH OF CHRIST 2024 CONGREGATIONAL THEME

A gift box wrapped in white paper with a large, vibrant red ribbon bow on top. The background is a warm, golden-yellow bokeh effect with soft, out-of-focus light circles. The text 'The Gift of Submission' is overlaid on the image in a white, elegant script font with a subtle red shadow.

*The Gift
of Submission*

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband

— Proverbs 12:4a

*He who finds a wife finds a good
thing, and obtains favor from Yahweh*

— Proverbs 18:22

*House and wealth are an inheritance
from fathers, but a prudent wife is
from Yahweh*

— Proverbs 19:14

*An excellent wife, who can find?
For her worth is far above jewels.
The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good and not evil
all the days of her life.*

— Proverbs 31:10-12

“The husband and wife are of equal worth before God, since both are created in God's image. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. A husband is to love his wife as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family.”

“A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.”

Children, from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord. Parents are to demonstrate to their children God's pattern for marriage. Parents are to teach their children spiritual and moral values and to lead them, through consistent lifestyle example and loving discipline, to make choices based on biblical truth. Children are to honor and obey their parents."



"A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle."

"A woman needs a man like a fish needs a net."

"A woman's place is in control."

**It
is
NOT**



...being a doormat



**...trusting your husband
more than God**



**...void if your husband
is not a Christian**



...forced

The

Gift

of Submission



**It
IS**



...understanding roles



...honoring God's order



...filling a need

*The Gift
of Submission*

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The greatest grief of love is not to be believed in. But if the wife is able to look at her husband with eyes of reverence, he becomes a king among men.

