

The Power of a Submissive Life

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Sin so often seeks to do two things—*express* itself and *excuse* itself. Here's an example: we've heard those stories in which an unbelieving or disobedient husband makes life miserable for his Christian wife. We've also heard the world's counsel to those women—"You deserve better than this! Leave the bum! God doesn't expect you to submit to *him*! Take the kids and move out!" Can you hear the appeal to sin in those recommendations? *Express* yourself. *Excuse* yourself.

The world loves to lend advice to Christians under that kind of pressure. It whispers in their ear, "Escape—get away from all this." Or worse, "Attack—fight for your rights." Sadly, many Christian wives, often from desperation, take that advice, ignoring or else refusing to consult the Bible.

But what counsel does *God* give to women living with disobedient or unbelieving husbands? Does the Bible even *address* that subject? *Absolutely*. Join John MacArthur as he explains the power of godly submission in a difficult marriage . . .

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