



# GRACE • FILLED

## FAMILY

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### MESSAGE TITLE: BECOMING A GRACIOUS SPOUSE

*“Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; 21 Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. 25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.” (Ephesians 5:20–28)*

### INTRODUCTION

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*“Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.” (Ephesians 4:29)*

## 1. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

*“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)*

### A. Serve by \_\_\_\_\_

**Definition:** *submit*—to arrange under, to subordinate, to yield to another



### A SPIRITUAL HEART SUBMITS

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;” (Ephesians 5:18)*

**Quote:** “Men ought to seek with their whole hearts to be filled with the Spirit of God. Without being filled with the Spirit, it is utterly impossible that an individual Christian or a church can ever live or work as God desires.” —**Andrew Murray**

### THE SUPPORTIVE HEART SUBMITS

**Quote:** “To prove submission is a wonderful concept, Jesus became the ultimate illustration of its validity. Although He was coequal and coeternal with the Father, He was completely submissive to the Father’s will.”—**Joyce Rogers**

*“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; 2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear.” (1 Peter 3:1-2)*

## B. Serve by \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ

SUBMIT TO YOUR OWN HUSBAND

SUBMIT AS TO THE LORD

## 2. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

### A. By Selfless \_\_\_\_\_

A WILLFUL CHOICE

*“Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again.” (John 10:17-18)*

A DEVOTED COMMITMENT

*“For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.” (Matthew 16:25)*



## B. By Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_

PRODUCES A CONSECRATED LIFE

**Definition:** *sanctify*—to make holy, consecrate, to set apart

PRODUCES A CLEANSED LIFE

*“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” (John 17:17)*

### Barriers of Protection for Couples

1. Set Apart Time for Relationship Building
2. Make God’s Word the Final Authority
3. Agree on Boundaries of Holiness

*“But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.” (Romans 13:14)*

*“I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” (Psalm 101:3)*

## 3. THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_

**Quote:** “Elevate dependability; eliminate doubt.”

### A. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Love

**Definition:** *nourisheth*—help grow to maturity

### B. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Love

**Definition:** *cherisheth*—to love tenderly, to foster with tendercare

*“But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children.” (1 Thessalonians 2:7)*

## CONCLUSION

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