



- A mother's best gift to her family is to be the woman God created her to be—something that Eve lost but you can find as a new creation in Jesus Christ. Eve was deceived and caused her household to fall. Here are some lessons Eve might pass on to her many daughters if she were with us this morning.

Don't do this ...

■ **LESSON #1:** Do not be tempted by the thoughts of anyone who undermines God's words, 3:1-3.

- (Genesis 3:1–3 ESV) Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, 3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" [Cf. Genesis 2:17]

■ **LESSON #2:** Do not be tempted by the thoughts of anyone who undermines God's character, 3:4-5.

- (Genesis 3:4–5 ESV) But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

■ **LESSON #3:** Never make decisions that defy the clear instructions of God's words, 3:6a.

- (Genesis 3:6a ESV) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

Based on three truths and one lie ("you will be like God") ... Eve decided to eat the fruit. But she soon realized that the promised way of a better

life was in reality the way of death.

- (Proverbs 14:12 NIV) There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death.

■ **LESSON #4:** Never use your power as wife, lover, friend and helper to cause your husband to listen to your voice over God's, 3:6b.

- (Genesis 3:6b ESV) And she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.
- (Genesis 3:17 ESV) And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life."

Adam was not deceived. He openly defied God's authority and chose his wife over his Creator. He relinquished his authority in the home and followed his wife in disobedience.

- (1 Timothy 2:11–14 ESV) Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor.

In violating her God-given role Eve became a transgressor. The word is ... παράβασις [parabasis] ... a going over; a disregarding, violating; to create transgressions. A transgression is the action of going beyond or overstepping some moral boundary or limit.

- (2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV) But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

Do this ...

■ LESSON #5: Hear the words of God and submit to your biblical, God-given role in reverence to him.

In lesson one we learned to not listen to the lying voices of this world which undermine our faith in God and our ability to hear the Holy Spirit of God as he speaks the words of God to us. *Please note:* It took only one liar to wreck Eve's life and our world is filled with liars.

- (John 8:44 ESV) **You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires.** He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.**
- (John 8:47 ESV) **Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God.**

■ LESSON #6: Let the word of Christ fill your life and submit to your husband.

- (Colossians 3:16–18 ESV) **Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,** teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 **And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.** 18 **Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.**

■ LESSON #7: Trust the Lord and let go of your desire to control your husband.

- (Genesis 3:16 NLT) Then he said to the woman, "I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy, and in pain you will give birth. **And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you.**"
- (Ephesians 5:22–24 ESV) **Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, **so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.**
- (1 Timothy 2:11–12 ESV) **Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness.** 12 **I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man;** rather, she is to remain quiet.

■ LESSON #8: Be a holy woman of God whose imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit is made apparent by submission to her husband.

- (1 Peter 3:4–6 ESV) But let your adorning be **the hidden person of the heart** with **the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit**, which in God's sight is very precious. 5 For **this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands,** 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord. And you are her children, if you do good and do not fear anything that is frightening.

■ LESSON #9: Pay it forward—train the young women to be submissive to their own husbands.

- (Titus 2:3–5 ESV) **Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior,** not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, 4 **and so train the young women** to love their husbands and children, 5 to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, **and submissive to their own husbands,** **that the word of God may not be reviled.**

■ LESSON #10: Understand that God in his infinite wisdom and love chose you for your role in his eternal plan and purpose.

- (Genesis 2:18, 20–22 NLT) Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. **I will make a helper who is just right for him.**" He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. **But still there was no helper just right for him.** 21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.
- (Ephesians 2:10 ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.**
- (Romans 11:33 NIV) Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!