

Biblical Manhood and Womanhood in the Home

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I. Review

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Genesis 1:26-27)

- 1. God created mankind male and female. They are equal in value and different in roles and responsibilities.**

II. Husbands

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. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself... (Ephesians 5:23-33)

- 1. God has designed a divine order of responsibility in marriage. He has designated the husband as the head of the relationship.**
 - A. Husbands are to love like Jesus the Savior (v. 25).**
 - 1. Love is based on an act of the will, not on passing feelings.**
 - 2. Love is sacrificial action, not just good intentions.**
 - 3. Love is given in obedience to Christ, not in response to her performance.**
 - 4. Love is expressed both verbally and in actions.**
 - 5. Love involves self-denial.**
 - B. Husbands are to lead like Jesus the servant.**

⁴² And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones' exercise authority over them."⁴³ But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your

servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:42-43

1. **Leadership begins with an attitude of servanthood.**
2. **Leadership involves taking the initiative in meeting needs.**
- C. **C. Husbands are to care like Jesus the shepherd.**
 1. **Caring means understanding her needs, her concerns and her dreams.**
 2. **Caring means making her your top priority.**
 3. **Caring is expressed as you share your life with her.**

III. Wives

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." Genesis 2:18-23

1. **God has created the man and the woman with equal value. He has designed the husband and the wife to be interdependent. The husband is to be the head of the relationship and the wife is to be the helper.**
 - A. **The woman is called to submit to the leadership of her husband in marriage.**
 1. **What submission isn't:**
 - a. To be inferior
 - b. To lose your identity
 - c. Blind obedience
 - d. Violating the law, disobeying scripture, or putting yourself in danger.
 2. **What submission is: Part of the divine order. We live in an ordered universe where there is authority and submission to authority.**
 3. **What it involves:**
 - a. **Attitude of entrusting yourself to God**
 - b. **Respectful behavior**

c. **Developing Godly character**

B. The woman is called to respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33 (Amplified Bible) ...and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

1. **Respecting your husband involves understanding his responsibilities, considering his needs and praying for him.**
2. **Respecting your husband means encouraging him.**

C. The woman is called to love her husband.

1. **Love is an attitude of unconditional acceptance.**
2. **Love is sacrificial action.**