

Marriage and Family: Enjoying The Journey
201: Biblical Foundations-Part 2 Roles of Wives & Husbands

LESSON 6: What Every Husband Wishes His Wife Knew About Men-Part 1

1. Christian Perspectives:

Ephes. 5:21-24 NIV

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

[22] Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. [24] Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

2. Christian Principles:

2.1 Husbands and wives both have a posture of submission to adopt.

Ephes. 5:21-22

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Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

1 Cor. 16:15-16

You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, [16] to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it.

1 Peter 2:13-15

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, [14] or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. [15] For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

1 Peter 5:5

Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

Romans 8:7

the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

2.2 Husbands have a God-given position of headship to accept.

Ephes. 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

1 Cor. 11:3

Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

3. Christian Practices:

- 3.1 Complete the “Roles and Responsibilities” exercise in the Appendix.
- 3.2 As a couple, set aside at least one hour to discuss desired changes and improvements in your relationship roles and responsibilities. Focus mainly on the role of the husband in this lesson. There will be a focus on the wife in the next lesson.
- 3.3 Agree on what you can agree upon with these requested changes. Discuss a plan as to how you will try to immediately start these changes and make them a regular part of your relationship without badgering or complaining.

4. Discussion Questions:

- 4.1 Meet together as a group with all couples or singles. Reintroduce yourselves and tell a little about your background and prior perspective on roles and responsibilities from parents and grandparents.
- 4.2 Share new insights or ideas you have learned from this lesson.
- 4.3 Share questions or difficulties that you have with principles from this lesson.
- 4.4 Share easy applications that you want to pursue from this lesson and what you will do differently.
- 4.5 Share and record prayer requests from your group in your “prayer Journal” in the Appendix.