

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

LESSON 7: What Every Husband Wishes His Wife Knew About Men-Part 2

1. Christian Perspectives:

Ephes. 5:21-24

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 biblical posture of submission to adopt (5:21-22)

2.2 Husbands have a God-given position of headship to accept. (5:23a)

2.3 Husbands have a Christlike pattern to follow. (5:23b)

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.

Luke 22:24-27

Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest. [25] Jesus said to them, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those who exercise authority over them call themselves Benefactors. [26] But you are not to be like that. Instead, the greatest among you should be like the youngest, and the one who rules like the one who serves. [27] For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one who is at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Tim. 3:2-5

Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, [3] not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. [4] He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. [5] (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?)

Luke 10:34-35

He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. [35] The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

2.4 Husbands need a supportive partner with respect (5:24)

Ephes. 5:22

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Ephes. 5:24

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1 Peter 3:1

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

Titus 2:3-5

Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. [4] Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, [5] to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

Genesis 2:18

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

1 Cor. 11:8-9

For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; [9] neither was man created for woman, but woman for man.

Genesis 3:16

To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

Genesis 4:7

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

Ephes. 5:33

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephes. 5:18

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

3. Christian Practices:

3.1 Spend another hour on the "Roles & Responsibilities" worksheet in the Appendix with the emphasis on the wife and her contribution to the marriage and family.

3.2 What desired changes do you both agree upon that will help you upgrade your marriage at this time.

4. Discussion Questions:

4.1 Meet together as couples. Give quick (1 minute) updates on your lives and families.

4.2 Discuss your personal highlights from this lesson, sharing new perspectives and difficult areas alike.

4.3 After completing your "Roles & Responsibilities" exercise discuss changes and upgrades you are planning to implement for both the husband (last week) and the wife (this week).

4.4 Spend the last few minutes praying together over these personal applications.