

GOD'S ROLE FOR THE WIFE

Ephesians 5:22-24,33b

Last week we studied the very first marriage. It was beautiful in every way. God had made a man and then built a woman to be his helper, his wife. All was well.

But, the bottom dropped out. What happened? Genesis 3...our first parents chose to sin and as God had promised death and everything related to it came in. Now Eve is told that her husband would "rule over her." (3:16) Thus began the distortion of marriage as men would abuse their wives, and wives would attempt to usurp his authority. The Gospel of Jesus changes all of that, as husbands and wives live under the control of the Holy Spirit they can see much of the "curse" reversed and have a sweet and blessed marriage. Wives are to revere, or respect their.

TWO WAYS THAT YOU, AS A WIFE, OUGHT TO RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND.

Doing so will cause you to be BEAUTIFUL in the eyes of both God and your husband.

I. **Respect Your Husband For Who He Is And What He Does For You & Yours.**

(Ephesians 5:33b) "the wife must respect (fear) her husband."

- A. Admire your husband's desire to work and achieve. God built man to go out and conquer the challenges of our world. He loves to solve problems...that is conquering.
From Eden, Adam enjoyed his work. (Gen. 2:15) Work was a blessing to man, something to do and something to accomplish. In his work he was providing for his family.
Your husband needs you to believe in him (admiration). If so he will ascend life's challenges...
- B. Appreciate (honor) his role as your protector and provider. God built him to care for you.
 1. Husbands and wives are spiritually equal, but he is physically stronger. He desires to be revered for taking care of you. He is your protector.
 2. Don't ever belittle him in this. Don't ever compare him to other men...
- C. Respect your husband's desire to serve and to lead. God built him to be your leader.
 1. God calls the husband the "head" of the wife. (Eph. 5:23) It means he has the final authority and responsibility in the home. (like: head of state)
 2. "Appreciating your husband's desire to lead the family takes faith, courage, and strength on your part, but it will work." Trust the Lord for He will work through him.
- D. Admire your husband's desire for sexual intimacy. God made him different from you.
 1. Just as you need emotional release through talking to him, so he has a need for physical release through sexual intimacy.
 2. Be thankful that God has designed him to pursue you in intimacy, don't belittle him

