

# **Marriage 101**

## **“Back to the Basics”**

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# **By Way of Review, HUSBANDS...**

- Gospel-Transformed Husbands are LEADERS...**
- Gospel-Transformed Husbands are LOVERS...**
- Gospel-Transformed Husbands are LEARNERS...**

# **Session 6: Gospel Transformed Marriages**

**The Role & Responsibilities of WIVES**

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- Gospel-Transformed Wives are FOLLOWERS**
- Gospel-Transformed Wives are HELPERS**
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# Role & Responsibilities of Wives: FOLLOWER

- **This God-Given Responsibility is Derived from the Principle of Submission: Genesis 2:18, 20; 3:16, 17 (Divine Order); Commands: Ephesians 5:22; Colossians 3:1; Titus 2:5; 1 Peter 3:1; \*1 Cor 11:3)**

**1 Cor 11:3, “But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ...”**

# Role & Responsibilities of Wives: FOLLOWER

- Husbands: “HEAD” translates the Greek word KEPHALE: Idea of “Authority” “Headship”
- Wives: SUBMISSION: the Greek verb translated, “be subject” (hupotasso), is a compound word which means, “to arrange oneself under” someone else’s leadership.
- God’s Beautiful Design for Maximum Impact: that of Loving Headship (Husbands) and Loving Submission (for Wives). These are to characterize the Gospel-Transformed Marriage.

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**Ephesians 5:25-33**

## **•The IMPORTANCE of Submission...**

**Marriage is for CHRIST'S Glory: a PICTURE of Christ and His Church!**

**Eph 5:22, "Wives, be subject to your own husbands...**

**(v 23) For the husband is the head of the wife, AS CHRIST ALSO IS THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH, He Himself being the Savior of the body.**

**(V 24) But AS THE CHURCH IS SUBJECT TO CHRIST, so also wives ought to be to their husbands in everything...(V 32) This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to CHRIST and the CHURCH..."**

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**Marriage is for Upholding the Truth!**

**Titus 2:4-5, [Older Women] are to “encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, SO THAT THE WORD OF GOD WILL NOT BE DISHONORED...”**



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## **•The MOTIVATION of Submission...**

**Eph 5:22, “Wives, be subject to your own husbands,  
AS TO THE Lord [as you Submit to Christ!].”**

**Col 3:18, “Wives, be subject to your husbands,  
AS IS FITTING IN THE Lord [it’s what’s “right” before the Lord].”**

# What Submission IS...

An Examination of 1 Peter 3:1-6

- Submission is a **POWERFUL** witness...

1 Peter 3:1

“In the same way [context is Submission, especially Christ’s Joyful Submission in chapter 2!]...  
you wives, be SUBMISSIVE to your own husbands,  
SO THAT [purpose clause] even if any of them are disobedient to the Word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives...”

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## •Submission is PRECIOUS in God's Sight...

1 Peter 3:2-3

“As they [the “disobedient husband”] observe your chaste and respectful behavior. (V 3) Your adornment must not be merely external - braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; (v 4) but let it [your adornment] be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God...”

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## •Submission is PERSONIFIED...

1 Peter 3:5-6

“For in this way [the cultivating of the inner heart!] in former times THE HOLY WOMEN ALSO, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, [how?] being submissive to their own husbands; (v 6) just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.”

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# A Biblical & Helpful Definition of Submission...

- Submission is An inner attitude of gentleness and tranquility, based upon a wife's hope in God, which expresses itself in her joyful and voluntary choice to respectfully affirm and submit to her husband's leadership, for the Glory of God, within the biblical parameters of her obedience to Christ.

# **Role & Responsibilities of Wives: HELPER**

**Back to the Beginning of Genesis...**

- Genesis 2:18, 20, “Then the LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a HELPER SUITABLE [“corresponding to”] for him.”**
- Gen 3:16, God calls out Eve for “usurping” her husband’s role. She wasn’t created to be the Leader, but the Helpmate.**
- Gen 3:17 (to Adam), “because you have listened to the voice of your wife...” Adam had abdicated his role as Leader, and Eve reversed her role as his Helpmate, as his perfect Assistant.**

# Role & Responsibilities of Wives: HELPER

- 1 Cor 11:8, “For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; (v 9) for indeed man was not created for the woman’s sake, but woman for the man’s sake.”
- “Timeless” Principle: In addition to all of her beautiful Responsibilities, a Wife is her husband’s Co-Equal Partner and Assistant.
- IMPORTANT: Not a question of “inferiority” or of “inequality,” but again, of DISTINCT Function, Role & Responsibilities.

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- By **HONORING & AFFIRMING** his leadership, “...and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband...” (Eph 5:33)

# **Role & Responsibilities of WIVES: LOVER**

- **Titus 2:3-5, “Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips [diabolos!] nor enslaved to much wine, teaching what is good, (v 4) SO THAT [Content of their Example & Teaching] they may encourage the young women to LOVE THEIR HUSBANDS, to LOVE THEIR CHILDREN [“Fileo” Love], (v 5) to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the Word of God will not be dishonored.”**

# **The Primacy of LOVE for “both” Husbands and Wives**

- Deuteronomy 6:4, “Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!  
(V 5) You shall LOVE the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.**

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- **Matt 22:36, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?” (V 37) And He said to him, “YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ (V 38) This is the great and foremost [“first” “preeminent”] commandment. (V 39) The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ (V 40) “On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”**

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- **Matt 5:43, “You have heard that it was said, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR, and hate your enemy.’ (V 44) But I say to you, LOVE your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, (v 45) so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven; for He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and unrighteous. (V 46) For if you love those who love you, what reward to you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? (V 47) If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? (V 48) Therefore, you are to be perfect, as your Heavenly Father is perfect...”**

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- **1 Corinthians 13:13, “But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is LOVE.”**

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