

New Beginnings: Headship

Loving Authority

Father

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Husband

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Christ

Man

Woman

Wife

Worker

Child

Saint

Willing Submission

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Divine Order: Loving Authority & willing submission

- **1 Peter 3.1-7**

“...be submissive to your own husbands that even if some do not obey the word, they **may be won without a word**...by the conduct of their wives...”

- Appropriate even if a partner is not fulfilling their role

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Divine Order: Loving Authority and Willing Submission

- Appropriate even if a partner is not fulfilling their role
 1. Mutual principle: Context of 1 Peter 2.12-17; 3.13-17
 2. Special situations: Abuse—remember competing jurisdictions, persecutions, protection (e.g. of the children)
 3. Unbelieving Spouse (1 Cor. 7.12-16)
 4. Key: Your Disposition

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Design: Genesis 2:24-25 (used in four NT passages & prescribe four principles)

3. Ephesians 5.25b-33

- Male Responsibility: To love at a quality **equal** to the love Christ has for the His bride
- Standard: "love your wives JUST AS Christ also loved the church...and gave Himself for her..." (v. 25)

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- Christ: "...that He sanctify and cleanse her...present her..." (vv. 27-28);
"*sanctify*"= pure; "*cleanse*"=undefiled;
"*spot*"=stain; "*wrinkle*"=fold
- Selfless action: He would do what ever it would take for His beloved to be as readied as possible

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- Male Responsibility: "...**nourishes** & **cherishes** it...as the Lord does" (vv. 28-31); "*nourishes*"=provide food/rear; "*cherishes*"=take care of with concern; to warm (cf. 1 Thess. 2.7)
- Comparison: Similar selfless actions of Christ

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- **Ephesians 5.33**

1. Husbands: “in particular, so love your own wife **AS** himself”
2. Insight: It is **selflessness**; it is thinking & doing in a manner that only considers the other person’s needs, aspirations, and good; it ascribes worth (i.e. honor)
3. Fundamental: Unconditional selfless love is the fundamental need of a daughter, woman, and wife

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- Female Responsibility: Two key words
 - ✓ "Submit" = *hupotasso* = to arrange underneath in an orderly fashion
 - ✓ "Respect" = *phobeo* = to show great awe equivalent to the respect as that comes from a fear; like the Church ought to have to Christ

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- **Ephesians 5.33**

- ✓ Wives: "...let the wife see that she **respects** her husband..."
- ✓ Insight: It is a key element in reversing the curse
- ✓ Insight: It is fundamental part of a man's needs
- ✓ Insight: Men will seek such respect from you or from someone else

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Conclusion:

- Husbands: Give your wives no reason to fear but love them wholly and selflessly
- Wives: Voluntarily give respect toward him with a depth that one sees generated by fear, BUT without the motivation of fear
- 1 John 4.18: “there is no fear in love; perfect love casts out all fear”

New Beginnings: Application

- **Engage** your role
- **Fulfill** your role: Loving Authority/Willing Submission—do it well!!
 - ✓ Personally: Before God in the unseen heart
 - ✓ “Marital-ly”: Balanced Father; loving your spouse (as Christ loved the Church; respecting your husband (as the church to Christ)
 - ✓ Parent-ally: Roles/duties; exasperating children
 - ✓ Occupationally: Willing submission—grumbling and disputing (Phil. 2.14)
 - ✓ Assembly: Your role; your part in the picture(s)

