

Pursuing God's Design for Marriage, Pt 2

Husband is a _____ of his wife (Eph 5:25)

1. Some popular views
2. _____ view (1 Cor 13:4-7)
3. _____ example
 - Initiatory (1 John 4:19)
 - Sacrificial (Eph 5:25)
 - Humble (Phil 2:3-4)
 - Volitional (John 15:16)
 - Contra-conditional (Rom 5:8)
 - Eternal and committed (Rom 8:39)
 - Forgiving (Col 3:13)
 - Purifying and constructive (Eph 5:26-27)
 - Practical (1 John 3:18)
4. _____ ways for a husband to love his wife
 - Telling her (verbal & non-verbal)
 - Appreciating her
 - Making time for her—requires scheduling
 - Communicating
 - Sharing
 - Providing for her (Eph 5:29; 1 Tim 5:8)
 - Promoting her growth and development
 - Treating her as priority—Your love for her should supersede all other loves in your life (except love for God)
 - Initiating love—You don't wait, but take the lead
 - As you love yourself (Eph 5:28-29)
 - Includes cherishing and nourishing

He is a _____ of his wife (1 Pet 3:7)

1. The Command—Our culture says you can't understand a woman. Yet God says not only that you can, but that you must.
 - Takes _____ —If God says to do it, you have the time; you must prioritize it
 - Takes _____
2. The _____ —You live with your wife in an understanding way (1 Pet 3:7)
3. The _____ —Your wife's problem is your problem. If it's important to her, it must be to you as well.

He is a _____ - _____ for his wife

1. What Godly Leadership is _____

- A _____ (Matt 20:25) - Pagans exercise dominion and want to control.
 - He doesn't demand submission.
 - His home is not his castle.
 - He doesn't expect his wife to serve him.
 - He doesn't force his wife to accept his opinion or preference.
 - He is not mean and does not use anger to get his way.
- Making all the _____
 - Not enough time to make all of them
 - Not his responsibility to make them alone—He's a team leader
 - He needs her insights.
 - She will be his best counselor.
 - He will listen to his wife but check out what she says with the Word of God.
- _____ your wife (1 Cor 11:3, 7-9; Eph 5:23)

2. What Godly Leadership is

"Biblical headship is a divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christlike servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home."¹

- Christ's example (John 4:34; 6:38; 10:27 – shepherd, not cowboy; 13:5ff; Luke 22:26; 1 Cor 11:3; Phil 2:5-8)
- Practically
 - Other-oriented = his concern is for her needs and desires
 - Goal-oriented = he knows where he is leading his wife and family
 - Sets an example of control—Phil 4:9; Prov 23:26
 - Solves problems biblically = solution-oriented

¹John Piper, "A Vision of Biblical Complementarity: Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible," in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*, eds. John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991), 52-53.

- Instructs not as her father but as a team leader and discipler
- Motivates—helps her grow in her walk with the Lord and in her God-given responsibilities
- Coaching—encouraging her as he comes alongside of her
- Managing—1 Tim 3:4, 5, 12—sees his wife as his fellow heir in Christ
- Pleasantness—Eccles. 9:9—He lives joyfully with his wife, and he is fun to live with and have around

Wives who are like the _____

1. She is an _____ through loving submission (Eph 5:24, 33; Titus 2:5)
 - What Submission Is _____
 - Isn't to be equated with putting the husband in the place of _____ (Col 1:18; 1 Pet 2:13; 1 John 5:21)
 - Submission isn't to be _____ with giving up independent thought and becoming intellectually stagnant (Col 3:16; Judges 13:21-23; Prov 1:8; 31:26)
 - Submission isn't _____ up all efforts to influence her husband (1 Pet 3:1-2; Prov 31:26)
 - Isn't to be _____ with giving in to every demand of the husband (ex. Acts 5:19; Ex 1:17; Dan 3)
 - Submission isn't the same as being _____ or _____ (Prov 29:25; 1 Pet 3:6)
 - Submission isn't letting her _____ lie dormant and becoming immobile (Prov 31:10ff; Rom 12:6ff; 1 Pet 4:10)
 - Submission isn't _____ her husband is _____ (Luke 2:51; Heb 13:17)
 - Submission isn't based on a wife's _____ to her husband (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:3; Gen 1:26-27; 2:23)
 - What Submission _____
 - Biblical definition of the word
 - / The word submission is a translation of two Greek words *hupo*=under; *tasso*=to place, order or station; together mean - to arrange or place yourself in order under
 - / "Submission is a divine calling of the wife to honor, affirm, and nurture her husband's leadership and to help carry it through according to her gifts" (John Piper).

- Submission is _____ way (perfect, all wise, all loving) of attaining and maintaining function and order in the home (examples – Rom 13:1; 1Tim 3; 1 Pet 5; Eph 5; 1 Cor 11:3)
 - Submission is a way of life for all _____ (examples – Eph 5:21; Phil 2:3-4; Eph 5:22; 6:1, 5; 1 Pet 5:5-6; Rom 13; James 4; Heb 13:17)
 - Submission includes _____ and _____ toward her husband (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:24)
 - The wife's submission is a spiritual matter for a wife in three senses
 - / The _____ - “as to the Lord” (Eph 5:22)
 - / The _____ - “as the church submits to Christ” (Eph 5:24)
 - / The _____ - “be filled with the Spirit” (Eph 5:18)
 - Submission is a personal matter (Eph 5:22) – “wives, **you** place **yourselves** under the authority of **your own** husbands”
 - Submission is a comprehensive matter (Eph 5:22, 24) – “in everything”
 - Submission is a volitional matter: you must choose to be submissive (Phil 2:8; Matt 26:36-44; Eph 5:22)
 - Submission is a practical matter (1 Pet 3:1-6; Prov 31:10-12; 21:9,19; 12:4, 14:1; 2 Cor 5:9; Eph 5:33)
 - Submission is not always “fair” (1 Pet 2:19-23)
2. She is a _____ through faithful companionship (Gen 2:18)
- She compliments her husband as his companion
 - She uses her many gifts and abilities to assist her husband (Prov 31:10-31)
 - She finds fulfillment in helping her husband in his service for God (1 Cor 11:7-9)
 - Communicating in submission
 - Showing confidence in his decisions (1 Cor 13:4-8)
 - Being grateful to him (Rom 13:7)
 - Maintaining a good spiritual life (1 Pet 2:2)
 - Offering suggestions, advice, and corrections when needed in a loving fashion (Prov 31:26)

3. She is a _____ through active service

- In-home _____ (Titus 2:4-5; Prov 1:8; Eph 6:1)
 - Walking with God
 - Walking and working with her husband
 - Walking and working with her children (if any)
 - The home is the sphere in which she fulfills her God-given responsibilities.
- Outside-home ministry (Prov 31) – is always limited, depending on current circumstances and ability
- *Portrait of a Godly Wife* by Lance Quinn (based on a message from Proverbs 31)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → She is Excellently Valiant (v. 10a) → She is Exceedingly Valuable (v. 10b) → She is Wholeheartedly Trustworthy (v. 11a) → She is Wonderfully Thrifty (v. 11b) → She is Perpetually Helpful (v. 12) → She is Delightfully Industrious (v. 13) → She is Creatively Domestic (v. 14) → She is Tirelessly Serving (v. 15) → She is Financially Competitive (v. 16) → She is Courageously Strong (v. 17) → She is Perceptively Aggressive (v. 18) → She is Incredibly Handy (v. 19) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → She is Cheerfully Kind (v. 20) → She is Unflinchingly Confident (v. 21) → She is Beautifully Arrayed (v. 22) → She is Famously Supportive (v. 23) → She is Lucratively Enterprising (v. 24) → She is Deeply Spiritual (v. 25a) → She is Joyfully Optimistic (v. 25b) → She is Purposefully Discipling (v. 26) → She is Administratively Diligent (v. 27a) → She is Actively Responsive (v. 27b) → She is Admirably Praised (vv. 28-29) → She is Appropriately Warned (v. 30) → She is Ultimately Rewarded (v. 31) |
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