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What the Bible Says About Men and Women – and Why It Matters

Lesson 5 – Gender Reflects the Image of
God in Marriage – Part 2b

How Men and Women Reflect the Image of God in Marriage

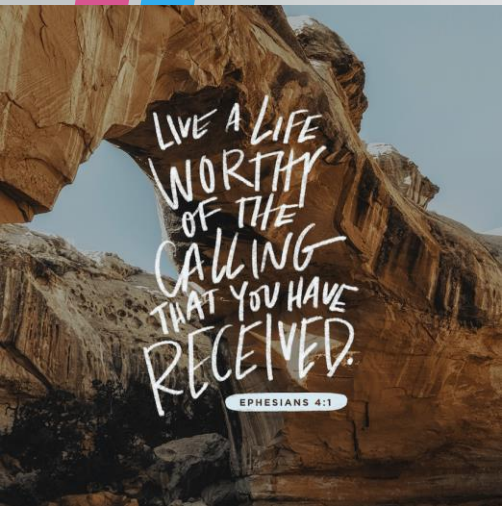
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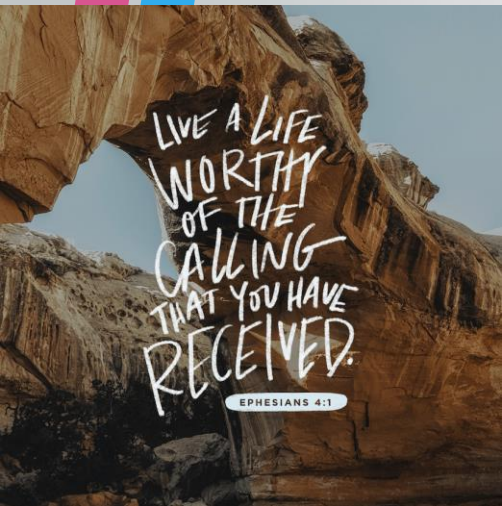
- Ephesian 4:1-2 - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling** to which you have been called, ² **with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,** ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.



Ephesians 4:31-32 - ³¹ **Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.** ³² **Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

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- Ephesians 5:3 - ³ But **immoral sexuality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you**, as is proper among saints.
- Ephesians 5:8-10 - ⁸ for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. **Walk as children of light** ⁹ (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰ and **try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.**



Ephesians 5:17; 21 - ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the will of the Lord is....** ²¹ **submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.**

submit

ὑποτάσσω — hypotassō

Place or arrange under, to subject
one's self



A Command for All - Submission - *hupotasso*

- God has submitted all things to Christ – Eph. 1:22
- Jesus submitted to his parents and the Father – Lk. 2:51; Jn. 8:28-29
- We submit to the governing authorities – Rom. 13:1
- We submit to those who serve the Lord's people – 1 Cor. 16:15-16
- The church submits to Christ – Eph. 5:24
- We submit to God – Jas. 4:7
- We all submit to authorities: – 1 Pet. 2:13-14; 3:1-2; 5:5
 - Servants submit to masters
 - Wives submit to husbands – 1 Pet. 3:1
 - Younger men submit to elders – 1 Pet. 5:5
 - Authorities and powers are subject to Christ – 1 Pet. 3:22

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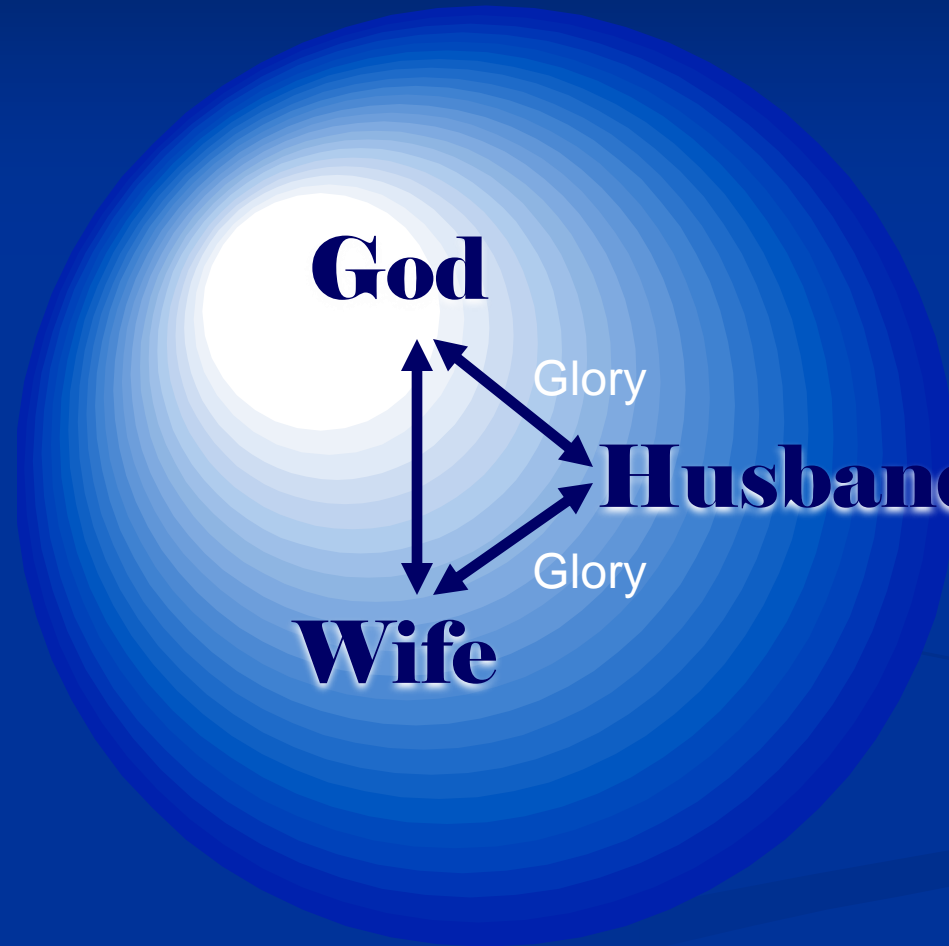
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Voluntary Submission and Godly Authority

What does godly authority look like?

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²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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² shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight, not under compulsion, but willingly, as God would have you; not for shameful gain, but eagerly; ³ not domineering over those in your charge, but being examples to the flock.

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⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

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²² Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the **head** of the wife even as Christ is the **head** of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

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- Wives are to submit (*hupotasso*) to and respect (*phobetai*) their own husbands like they do Christ.
- Why?
- 1 Cor. 11:2

³ But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

- Because the husband is the head (*kephale*) of the wife like Christ is head (*kephale*) of the church.

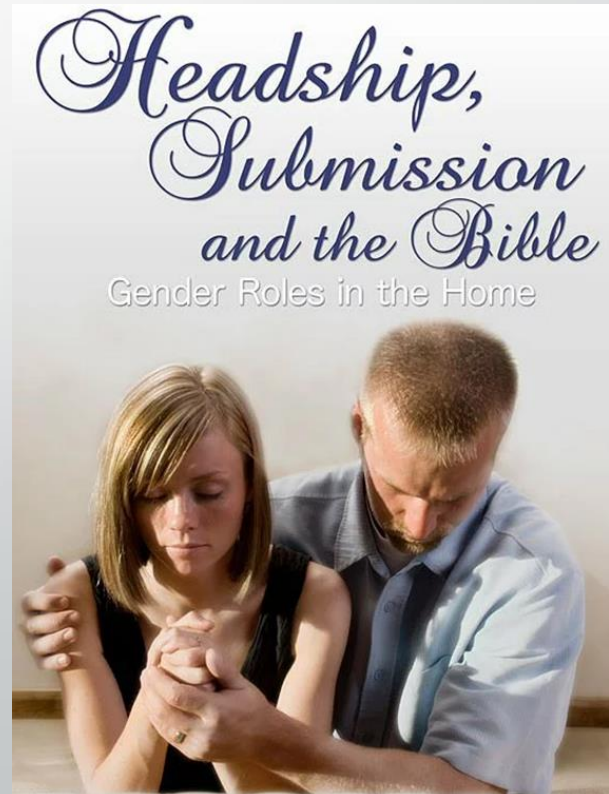
What is the Meaning of Head in Marriage?

- Leader? Authority? Someone to submit to?
 - 1 Corth. 11:2-13
- How did Jesus and Paul describe those who are to exercise leadership and authority?
 - Service
 - Deference
 - Care
 - Gentleness
 - Sacrifice
 - Selflessness
- But maybe "head" means more.



What is the Meaning of Head in Marriage?

- *Kephale* – most often refers to literal part of the body
- Christ head (*kephale*) of the church
 - Eph. 1:22
 - Eph. 4:15-16
- Christ head (*kephale*) stone (capstone or cornerstone)
 - 1 Pet. 2:7
 - Matt. 21:42
 - Eph. 2:19-22
 - The key stone that supports the weight of the building and keeps everything else aligned



How is the Husband to Act as Head in Marriage?

- *Eph. 5:21; 25-33* - ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her**, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body.



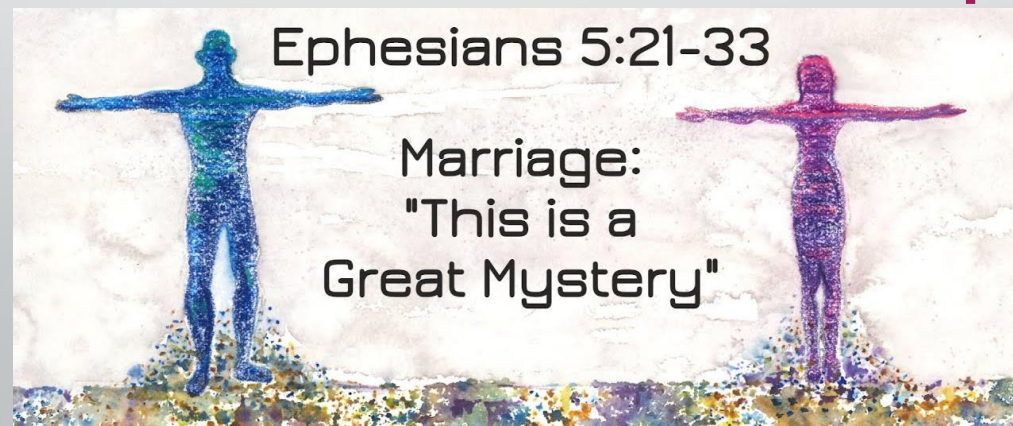
Husband,
Love Your Wife

Ephesians 5:25-33

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³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you **love** his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she **respects** her husband.



How is the Husband to Act as Head in Marriage?

- Submit to her and love her like Christ loved the church
 - Giving himself up for her (*paradidomi*- to give into the hands of another)
 - Trust and vulnerability
 - To make her holy through the washing with the word
 - Sanctification
 - Where Adam failed
 - Love - *Agape* – unconditional; self-sacrificing; based on the will, not feelings; shown in actions
- Caring for her body like he does his own
 - One flesh mystery – like Christ and the church

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Summary

- The image of God in husbands must look like Jesus as our head.
 - Submit (*hupotasso*), love (*agape*), be vulnerable (*paradidomi*), and honor (*time*) their wives as co-heirs of Christ.
- The image of God in wives must look like Jesus.
 - Masters of their home (*oikodespotein*), submit (*hupotasso*) because of divine order called headship, and respect (*phobeo*) their husbands.
- Mutual honor and respect are coupled with mutual submission.
- Good news for husbands and wives?

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—EPHESIANS 5:21



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