



GRACE LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Class 17: Godly Wives

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Class Summary: This class focuses on the unique and complementary biblical roles and responsibilities for husbands and wives in marriage.

Ephesians 5:22-33

Vs 22 "Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.	Wives are to submit to leadership of their husband, respect them (v33), love their husband (Titus 2:4), live with them until death (Rom 7:2-3). Charles Ryrie Not cultural but biblical.
Vs 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.	The husband is the head, and his headship is based on Christ's headship." Strauch pg 55 "head" – kephale – "one in a position of authority" or "leader"
Vs 24 "But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.	"In Christian marriage, the wife represents the Church that freely and willingly submits to Christ's headship, and the husband represents Christ, the self-giving, loving head of the Church." Strauch pg 57
Vs 25 "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave himself up for her;"	Counter-cultural, revolutionary teaching! Nothing here about husbands ruling, forcing wives to be subject, or always getting his way. That is not leadership. Leadership is the self-sacrificial love that Christ has for the Church.
1 Peter 3:3-4 "Your adornment must not be merely external---braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; but let it 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."	"Beauty in the eyes of God is not the beauty that society sees (external). God considers a gentle and quiet spirit (Prov 31:30) the cultivation of a woman's inner (hidden) character-to be her finest adorning." David Jeremiah

<p>I Peter 3:7 "You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that our prayers will not be hindered."</p>	<p>"understanding way"-be a student of your wife, know and encourage her strengths, interests and goals. "someone weaker"- Inflammatory to many today. "show her honor"-not taken for granted, not controlled like a child. An indispensable part of his life, a gift from God. Prov 31:10</p>
<p>Vs 25-27 Christ gave Himself for his bride, sanctifies and cleanses her, and waits to present her to Himself.</p>	
<p>Vs 28-33 "One of the chief goals of marriage as it is presented in Scripture is unity and oneness. What is essential to understand is that unity in marriage is intimately connected to headship and submission. To achieve the reality of this one-flesh relationship, the husband is to selflessly lead and care for his wife in the way that Christ leads and cares for the church, and the wife is to submit to and support her husband's leadership in the same way that the Church submits to and supports Christ's leadership." Strauch Pg 61</p>	

Limits to Submission - Strauch pg 47

Acts 5:1-10

Matt 18:15

Col 3:16

Gen 2:18

Matt 19:9

Mike Winger's Three Pillars

Pillar 1: God ordained male headship and female submission in marriage – No Debate.

Pillar 2: Elders' positions and functions are for men only.

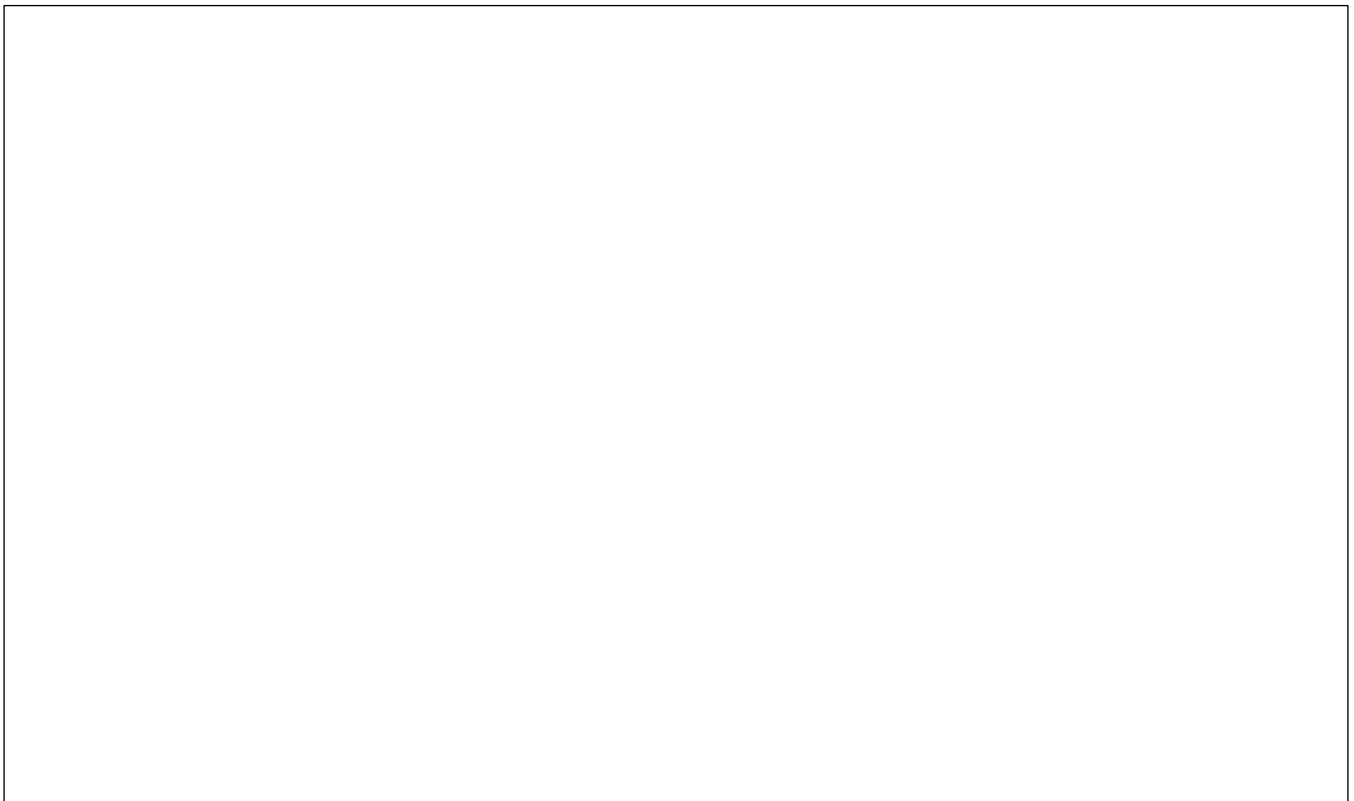
Pillar 3: Women's status as image bearers and sons of God is inviolable (cannot be violated).

Pillar 1 and 2 without Pillar 3 is abusive and oppressive.

A Godly Woman is:

"At the heart of mature femininity is a freeing disposition to affirm, receive and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman's differing relationships."

John Piper, What's the Difference? Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible, pg 49-50



Disciplines of a Godly Woman

Barbara Hughes

Discipline of Prayer, pg 33-40

"Prayer is the source of power for growth and perseverance in our spiritual lives... Prayer bends our wills to God's will, which is what submitting our lives is all about."

Discipline of Mind, pg 67-75

"God has given us this amazing instrument – the mind. We mustn't take it for granted. We need to program it wisely – never leaving it unguarded, unthinking, and undisciplined."

Discipline of Contentment, pg 77-88

"Christian contentment is that sweet, inward, quiet, gracious frame of spirit, which freely submits to and delights in God's wise and fatherly disposal in ever condition." Jeremiah Burroughs in 1648

"The Bible reveals all that we can know about God – His attributes and actions, His plans for time and eternity and where we fit into those plans."

Discipline of Propriety, Pg 89-102

"Characterized by appropriateness of suitability".

Phil 1:27, "Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ..."

Propriety of Words – I Tim 3:11 "Women must likewise be dignified, not malicious gossips, but temperate, faithful in all things."

Propriety of Attitude - Prov 31:25 "Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she smiles at the future." Ps 19:14

Discipline of Perseverance, pg 101-115

"Perseverance is rooted in confidence in the Lord. It is produced by suffering (Rom 5:3, Jms 1:3) and produces character, 'so that we may be mature and complete, not lacking anything' (Jms 1:4; Rom 5:4)."

"It takes discipline to accept the challenges of suffering in a way that glorifies God. But perseverance is a discipline we all can develop by daily submitting to God's will – whatever irritating, insignificant duties or grand-scale tragedies we may suffer – for this is God's will for us in the Gospel."

Discipline of Singleness, pg 131-140

"I hope that my granddaughters will mature with the understanding that singleness is not something to avoid at all costs, but that singleness is in fact a desirable option for their lives, particularly in view of the Gospel." 1 Cor 7:40

Discipline of Nurturing, pg 157-170

"We must become convinced in our souls that nurturing is a supremely elevated role. And we need to proclaim that truth to the women around us."

Discipline of Witness, pg 187-198

The Value of Relationships – "Our friendships and even our casual encounters are not just social accidents."

What's the Difference?

By John Piper, Pg 80-81

Ministries to the handicapped

- Hearing impaired
- Blind
- Lame
- Mentally Handicapped

Ministries to the sick

- Nursing
- Physician
- Hospice care - cancer, AIDS, etc.
- Community health

Ministries to the socially estranged

- Emotionally impaired
- Recovering alcoholics
- Recovering drug-users
- Escaping prostitutes
- Abused children, women
- Runaways, problem children
- Orphans

Prison ministries

- Women's prisons
- Families of prisoners
- Rehabilitation to society

Ministries to youth

- Teaching
- Sponsoring
- Outing and trips
- Counseling
- Academic assistance

Sports ministries

- Neighborhood teams
- Church teams

Therapeutic counseling

- Independent
- Church-based
- Institutional

Radio and television ministries

- Technical assistance
- Writing
- Announcing
- Producing

Theater and drama ministries

- Acting
- Directing
- Writing
- Scheduling

Social ministries

- Literacy
- Pro-life
- Pro-decency
- Housing
- Safety
- Beautification
- Drug rehabilitation

Audiovisual ministries

- Composition
- Design
- Production
- Distribution

Writing ministries

- Free-lance
- Curriculum development
- Fiction
- Non-fiction
- Editing
- Institutional communication
- Journalistic skills for publication

Teaching ministries

- Sunday school: children, youth, students, women
- Grade school
- High school
- College

Music ministries

- Composition
- Training
- Performance
- Voice
- Choir
- Instrumentalist

Evangelistic ministries

- Personal witnessing
- Para-church groups

Home Bible study

- Outreach to children
- Visitation teams
- Counseling at meetings
- Telephone counseling

Pastoral care assistance

- Visitation
- Newcomer welcoming and assistance
- Hospitality
- Food and clothing and transportation

Prayer ministries

- Praying
- Mobilizing for prayer events
- Helping with small groups of prayer
- Coordinating prayer chains
- Promoting prayer days, weeks, and vigils

Missions

- All of the above across cultures

Support ministries

- Countless 'secular' jobs that undergird other ministries

The awesome significance of motherhood

Making a home as a full-time wife