

“Respect Your Husband”
Genesis 2 / Ephesians 5 / 1 Peter 3 / Proverb 31
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Message 3
Series – God’s Design For Marriage

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Respect Your Husband”

- **The Great Debate**

- **Have you guys heard of the great debate that is taking place?!!!**
 - No Not is Five Guys Better Then In-Nout
 - We already know that one... or do we...
 - The debate on WHY DID Create Eve?
 - A Lot Opinions out there
 - Here is what one women's group said
- **TOP 10 REASONS GOD CREATED EVE...**
 - #10 God worried that Adam would always be lost in the garden because men hate to ask for directions...
 - #9 God knew that Adam would one day need someone to hand him the TV remote...
 - #8 God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when his seat wore out and would therefore needed Eve to get one for him...
 - #7 God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself...
 - #6 God knew that Adam would never remember which night was garbage night...

- #5 God knew that if the world was to be populated, men would never be able to handle childbearing...
- #4 As "Keeper of the Garden," Adam would never remember where he put his tools...
- #3 The scripture account of creation indicates Adam needed someone to blame his troubles on when God caught him hiding in the garden...
- #2 As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone!"
- #1 And the number one reason God created Eve...
 - When God finished the creation of Adam...
 - He stepped back, scratched His head and said...
 - "I can do better than that"...

• **Question - Marriage Poll - On A scale from 1 to 10**

- How MANY here would like to have marriage at a 10?
 - Yes of course we all would
- Now on a scale from 1-10
 - What is your marriage today?
 - All the guys 10
 - All the gals 6.5
- KNOW THIS –
 - At this present time you have the marriage you really want to have?
 - If you really wanted a better marriage

- You would work on **YOU**
 - NOT Blaming Your spouse
- If you have been hearing these message and thinking – I wish my spouse was...
 - You're missing the boat

• **A Good Marriage Takes Work**

- **1st Takes Work – Like a Garden**
 - Not work in the sense that it is Hard or a Drudgery
 - But work in the sense that it takes Time and Attention
 - Last week - It is like a garden
 - It needs consistent time and attention if weeds are going to be avoided
 - What you put in is what you get out; plant tomatoes = Tomatoes
- **2nd What it takes to make a GREAT Marriage**
 - **1st The Foundation is GOD**
 - A Relationship with Him
 - For the Husband and the Wife
 - **How is you DEVO life – Individually**
 - We MUST Follow His Directions – Blueprints
 - He is the CREATOR of Marriage

- First Institution God made (Gen. 2: 18-24)
- Even before the He made the Church!
- So if we want marriage to be a 10
- We should seek the way God intended marriage to be
- **2nd SO WE MUST Stop Looking to the World**
 - Sadly many in the church LOOK to the world for the answers
 - **1st They still believe in the happily ever after Without Christ & Work**
 - Sadly - A lot of
 - Romance Novels
 - Hallmark movies
 - Will Set UP for a FALL
 - **2nd Turn to the world first**
 - Dr. Phil / Oprah / Psychology
 - **Worldly Advice will get you worldly results**
 - **If you want REAL change – seek GOD**

• **Now This Morning – We will focus on the Role of the Wife!**

- **We will look at 2 POWERFUL TRUTHS on “Respect Your Husband”**
 - Respect Your Husband By Being a Great Companion - Helpmate

- (Genesis 2:18-20)
- Respect Your Husband By Having Godly Character
- (Ephesians 5:20-24 / 1 Peter 3:1-7 / Proverb 31)

Respect Your Husband By Being a Great Companion – Helpmate (Genesis 2:18-20)

Genesis 2:18–25 (NKJV)

18 And the LORD God said, “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”

19 Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name.

20 So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him.

21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.

23 And Adam said: “This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man.”

24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

25 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

• **First: She is a Companion / Helper**

○ **1st God Created Woman to be a Companion / Helper!!!**

- So Critical that woman understand the Fundamental, ROLE God designed her for...
 - Please NOTE God’s Design – NOT MANS Design
 - To be a Companion / Helper to her husband
 - God Gave Adam the Assignment
 - He gave him Eve to help with that assignment

○ **Show Pic**

- **2nd This ROLE Involves - Intimacy / Friendship (Genesis 2:20)**
 - **God SAID for the first time in creation**
 - It wasn't good for man to be alone
 - **MAN WAS ALONE = BAD**
 - **Friendship is a BIG factor in being a HELPER**
 - Husband & Wife = BEST Friends
 - To BE ONE!!!
 - The Miracle in the Moment
 - The Process of a lifetime
 - **As I get older the most important aspect of marriage is the very BEST friend**
 - **Sadly / Many live Separately**
 - I have known Couples that are more like roommate
 - Live under the same roof but they feel very much alone

Respect Your Husband By Having Godly Character (Ephesians 5:22-24 / 1 Peter 3:1-7 / Proverbs 31)

- The Character She is to Have...

• **First: Respect Your Husband By Submitting (Ephesians 5:22-24)**

- **Respect your husband by Submitting to the Role God Gave him**

Ephesians 5:22–24 (NKJV)

22 *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

23 *For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church;
and He is the Savior of the body.*

24 *Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their
own husbands in everything.*

○ **1st Submission is NOT a Popular Subject**

▪ **First let me say - I know that these instructions don't FLY
with the world**

• They see them as...

○ Outdated

○ Barbaric

○ Even offensive!

• Part of me can understand why...

○ With all the abuses that have taken place over the
years!

○ 50's women little more than a servant, doormats,
etc... Very SAD

○ 60's they rightful fought for rights...

• But now today things have become very confused!!!

○ Roles have been messed up

○ Men don't lead Women don't follow

▪ **So - WE MUST SEEK to understand them as God has
intended!!!**

• God has Created "Roles"

○ A Role for the Man

- A Role for the Woman
- Why?
 - So the marriage can be all that God created it to be!
- Hopefully today
 - We can clear up some of the confusion on subject of submission
 - Take away some of the negative implications involved with submission
- **2nd WHAT - Does the Word Submission Mean?**
 - **The Word "Submit"**
 - Submit: Greek: Hupotássō
 - Means: To place in order. To place under in an orderly fashion
 - NOTE:
 - Submission does not mean Inferiority
 - Submission does not mean Silence
 - IT MEAN'S:
 - Means to place yourself under someone else!
 - Submission mean's "Sub-Mission."
 - Think of it like this:
 - There is a Mission for your marriage

- This mission is
 - Obeying and glorifying God.
 - More important than my individual desires.
- **3rd WHY - Does the Lord Call a Wife to submit?**

- **1st A Picture of Christ and the church!**

Ephesians 5:32 (NKJV)

32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- When a person comes to Jesus and receives Him as their Lord & Savior they become part of His church.
- The Bible calls His church "The Bride of Christ"
- You see marriage was designed to beautifully symbolize the relationship that the Lord would have with His people!
- It shows us that Jesus wants more than just an external, surface relationship.
- It shows us that Jesus wants us to be ONE with Him.
- God wants the marriage relationship to be a picture of Christ and His relationship to the Church

- **When a wife submits**

- **She is really submitting to the original role given to her by God**

- **2nd God's Order**

- When God made Adam and Eve

- He made them in complete unity.
- Saw them as one!
- Together they were given dominion over the creation to fill the earth and subdue it.
- There was an EQUALITY between the man & the woman
- But listen it was an was Ordered Equality
 - WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?
 - In the very beginning Man was given headship over his Wife
 - Not as an order of authority
 - But as an OPERATION of authority
 - So the husband was placed in the position to be the head of the family
 - Not because he was
 - Smarter
 - More spiritual
 - Better made
 - But simply because that was God's design
- Now for some gals this may be hard to hear
 - The Reason –
 - **The curse – more on this is second**
 - But this IS God's Design
 - It's really it is a matter of responsibility!

- **PLEASE NOTE**

- **This ONLY APPLIES TO MARRIAGE**

- **3rd Recognize The Problem**

- SIN

- When they sinned the roles got twisted
 - Reversed roles of Husband & Wife
 - See When Eve- ate the forbidden fruit she was acting independently from Adam
 - Then she lead Adam by getting him to eat...
 - Adam blew it by leaving his wife uncovered and then followed her in sin
 - So there was a perversion of God's plan and the perversion of that plan has been a problem ever since.

- Part of the curse:

- Genesis 3:16 (NKJV)**

- 16 To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you."**

- God said of Eve in her flesh her desire would be to rule over her Husband
 - Not submit to him but run his life
 - WARNING
 - Women most husbands don't want to fight to lead

- They don't want to fight at all
- By consistent rebellion to God ordained leadership
- A Husband may just give up...
- Now you may have successes at neutering him
- But what you have done is destroy the family structure that God designed
- The order gets messed up everything gets thrown out of whack!!!
- Men your still responsible
- **4th Understand the Limits to Submission**

Colossians 3:18 (NKJV)

18 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

- As is fitting in the Lord - in "AGREEMENT with the LORD!!!"
 - You are a Child of GOD first
 - Obey Him first your husband second
 - If your husband ask you to submit to evil you don't have to obey
 - Many examples in scripture
 - Apostles (Acts 5:29)
 - SO Anything that goes against Scripture ... You are NOT To Submit!!!

- No to watching porn, to robbing a bank, ect...

- **5th What SUBMISSION should look like**

- Husband and wife talk through every decision
- Wives have opinions
- If you can't come to agreement then the husband is the one who takes the lead!!!
- Now men don't be stupid
- Realize that God has placed your wife in your life for a reason
- She has wisdom / insight - from the Lord

- **4th So Remember Submission is...**

- **1st As with ALL of God's commandments GOOD**

- These commands are for our good
 - From an all-wise, loving God (Deut. 6:24; 10:13).
- God commands are not meant to bum us out they are to PROTECT us
 - Following all of God's commands will lead to a fulfilled life!!! SAFE

- **2nd The church is in no way Degraded by Submitting to Jesus Christ.**

- To the contrary, it is to the church's glory to submit to Christ.
- Same with a wife

- **3rd There is JOY in Obedience to God**
 - Being FILLED with the Spirit (Eph. 5:18-20)
 - Walk Worthy (Eph. 4:1)
- **4th Remember man is also under authority as well, Jesus' (Eph. 5:21 & 25)**
 - He will be the one giving an account for what he did in the leading of the family
- **5th Other Example of Submission in Scripture**
 - To the Government
 - In Titus 1 / Rom. 13 it is used of being submitted to Governing authorities
 - To Employers:
 - In Eph. 6:5-9 / 1 Pet. 2 it is used of employees being submitted to their employers
 - To Parents:
 - Children obey Eph. 6:1-3
- **6th REMEMBER A Christian marriage is to be a powerful witness to a selfish world!**
 - The world should look at Christian marriages and instantly see the difference.
 - They should see a Christian husband
 - Tenderly and selflessly loving his wife as Christ loved the church.
 - The world should see a Christian wife

- Joyfully submitting to and respecting her husband, always seeking his good.
 - THEY SHOULD see A picture of Christ and the Church
 - The difference between this picture and the garbage on TV should cause the world to marvel.
- **7th Jesus Submitted!**
 - Subject to Mary and Joseph as a Kid (Luke 2:51)
 - Submitted to God!!! (Phil 2:5-11)

• **Second: Respect Your Husband By Seeking Holiness 1 Peter 1:16 / 1 Corinthians 6:19-20**

1 Peter 1:16 (NKJV)

16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Corinthians 6:19–20 (NKJV)

19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

○ **1st Seeking God With Everything**

- Holy in the Greek is (Hagios)
- Means: Likeness of nature with the Lord" because "different from the world."
 - To be SET Apart
- Lesson: Are you HOLY
 - Are you "Like the Lord"

- Are you “Set Apart”
 - Simple point BUT are you pursuing God with ALL your heart?
 - Scale from 1-10 where is your relationship at with the Lord
 - Chances are if it low with God it is also low with your husband
 - Seek to be like the Lord / LIVE PURE be Set Apart
- **2nd Praying for Your Husband**
 - Part of seeking holiness is also praying for your husband walk with the Lord
 - Lift him up to the Lord ALL the time
 - How to Pray for him
 - Holiness in his walk
 - Wisdom
 - His Weakness
 - Give thanks for his strengths
 - Leading the Family

• **Third: Respect Your Husband By Being Truthful in Speech and Motives**

- **1st The Ungodly Women**

Proverbs 7:21–23 (NKJV)

21 With her enticing speech she caused him to yield, With her flattering lips she seduced him.

22 Immediately he went after her, as an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as a fool to the correction of the stocks,

23 Till an arrow struck his liver. As a bird hastens to the snare, He did not know it would cost his life.

- This Deceitful woman is an ugly woman
 - Why?
 - Because she is Self-Driven and Wants Her WAY.
 - Her words and actions lead the man on a path to destruction
- Lesson:
 - Don't Manipulate to get your way
 - Don't NAG to get your way

- **2nd A godly Women's Speech and Motives**

Ephesians 4:29 (NKJV)

29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Colossians 4:6 (NKJV)

6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

- **Fourth: Respect Your Husband By Being Gentle and Quiet.**

- **1st The Ungodly woman is loud; she is undisciplined and without knowledge.**

Proverbs 9:13 (NKJV)

13 A foolish woman is clamorous; She is simple, and knows nothing.

Proverbs 7:11 (NKJV)

11 She was loud and rebellious, Her feet would not stay at home.

- This includes disrespect, hostility, aggressiveness and cunningness. All of these qualities are bad news.

- **2nd The godly Women**

▪ **Turn To**

1 Peter 3:1–6 (NKJV)

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives,

2 when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—

4 rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,

6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.

- Your LOVING conduct will do more than a nagging voice will ever do

• **Fifth: Respect Your Husband By Being Modest in Dress**

1 Timothy 2:9 (NKJV)

9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

1 Peter 3:3 (NKJV)

3 Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—

○ **I Know not a Popular Subject in the World**

- When walking around half naked is acceptable

○ **I Know sometimes what women think is**

- It is “Cute” in their minds is NOT good in men’s minds
- Illustration

- Why it important

- **Sixth: Respect Your Husband By Taking Care of the Home.**

Proverbs 31:13 (NKJV)

13 She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands.

Titus 2:5 (NKJV)

5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

- **Seen in**

- She loves to tangibly serve others with food and skills.
- She has a home that is open and hospitable

- **Seventh: Respect Your Husband By Being a Servant To Others.**

Proverbs 31:15 (NKJV)

15 She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants.

Proverbs 31:20 (NKJV)

20 She extends her hand to the poor, Yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy.

Matthew 20:26 (NKJV)

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

- **Be a Servant**

- Have a HEART for OTHERS

- **Eight: Respect Your Husband By Being Trustworthy**

Proverbs 31:11–12 (NKJV)

11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain.

12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.

- **BIG Issue**

- If husband shares deep issues of life with you – they best stay with you!!!
 - If you violate his trust
 - Don't be surprised when he stops sharing with you
- Understand
 - Gals tend to be more open with issues of life
 - Men NOT so much

- **Ninth: Respect Your Husband By Being Prudent in Financial Matters.**

Proverbs 31:16 (NKJV)

16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard.

Proverbs 31:24 (NKJV)

24 She makes linen garments and sells them, And supplies sashes for the merchants.

- **Work on Finances together**

- Hold each other accountable

- **Tenth: Respect Your Husband By Being a Hard Worker.**

Proverbs 31:17 (NKJV)

17 She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms.

Proverbs 31:19 (NKJV)

19 She stretches out her hands to the distaff, And her hand holds the spindle.

- LAZINESS is NOT good in God's eyes

- **Eleventh: Respect Your Husband By Doing the Right Thing and Have a Good Reputation.**

Proverbs 31:23 (NKJV)

23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sits among the elders of the land.

- The virtuous wife sees such a blessing on her family and household that her husband is also esteemed and honored among the elders of the land.
- All this is the blessing of God that often comes to the wife who walks in virtue, wisdom, and the fear of the Lord.
- Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (1 Timothy 3:7)

Proverbs 31:28 (NKJV)

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

• **Twelfth: Respect Your Husband By Internalize Biblical Wisdom**

Proverbs 31:26 (NKJV)

26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue is the law of kindness.

Proverbs 9:10 (NKJV)

10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

- **The Word is in her heart and life and so it comes out of her mouth.**
 - When it does it is dressed in the clothes of the Spirit, gentle and kind.

• **Thirteenth: Respect Your Husband By Living Out the Secrets of Womanhood.**

Proverbs 31:25 (NKJV)

25 Strength and honor are her clothing; She shall rejoice in time to come.

- Her *Strength and honor in the LORD*
 - The display of her character is MORE than the outward display of her clothing.
 - When it comes to character, she is one of the best dressed, clothed with strength and honor, so that she shall rejoice not only in the present day, but also in time to come.

Closing

- Well there you have some wonderful ways to RESPECT YOUR HUSBAND
- May the Lord be with you as you seek to grow and be MORE like Jesus