

THE DISTINCTIVE ROLES OF MARRIAGE - RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HUSBAND

INTRODUCTION

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word. 27 He did this to present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and blameless. 28 In the same way, husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hates his own flesh but provides and cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, 30 since we are members of his body. 31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. 32 This mystery is profound, but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 To sum up, each one of you is to love his wife as himself, and the wife is to respect her husband” (Eph. 5:25–33).

“Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker partner, showing them honor as coheirs of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered” (1 Pet. 3:7).

THE NATURE OF A HUSBAND’S HEADSHIP

“Headship is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christlike, servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home” (John Piper, *This Momentary Marriage*, 80).

1. Leadership/Authority

2. Provision (Spiritual & Physical)

3. Protection (Spiritual & Physical)

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THE CHARACTER OF CHRISTLIKE LOVE

1. Husbands ought to love their wives with *sacrificial* love.
2. Husbands ought to love their wives with *selfless* love.
3. Husbands ought to love their wives with a *singular* love.
4. Husbands ought to love their wives with a *surprising* (unconditional, freely given) love.
5. Husbands ought to love their wives with a *sanctifying* purpose.
6. Husbands ought to love their wives with a *self-caring* love.
7. Husbands ought to love their wives with a *studying, sensitive* love.
 - a. Living with her in an understanding way.
 - b. Understanding what she is by nature.
 - c. Esteeming and appreciating what she is by grace.

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APPLICATIONS

1. Applications for unmarried men

- a. Don't wait for marriage to live a self-sacrificing life.
- b. Look to marry someone who responds well to your leadership.

2. Applications for married men

- a. You are in a position of inescapable leadership.
- b. Embrace God-given differences for a God-honoring marriage.

PREPARATION FOR NEXT LESSON

- Read "Ladies: Read This Before You Nail His Socks to the Floor" by Susan Verstraete at bulletininserts.org/ladies-read-this-before-you-nail-his-socks-to-the-floor
- Read "Hope for the Dense Husband: Your Selfishness Can Work for You" by Jim Elliff at bulletininserts.org/-hope-for-the-dense-husband-your-selfishness-can-work-for-you