

A Biblical Look at the Life of the Ministry Leader's Wife

1. Living life as a leader's wife **can** be difficult based on:
 - a. Our own expectations of ourselves
 - b. The expectations of others

2. Our Own Expectations of Ourselves
 - a. Seeking to please everyone – Col. 1:9-10
 - i. People Pleasing is something that many struggle with, however, it can seem to be more apparent in the life of the ministry leader's wife.
 - ii. People pleasing is not God's desire for our lives
 - b. Seeking perfection / Appearing Perfect – 1 John 1:8-10, James 3:2
 - i. We will stumble in many ways and many times.
 - ii. We have not attained perfection (reached "the goal") nor will we reach perfection on this side of heaven.

3. Other People's Expectations
 - a. Sometimes people have perceptions and expectations of you that you are unaware of.
 - b. What can we glean from God's Word on this matter? 1 Cor. 4:1-4
 - i. We must remember, man's thoughts, perceptions or expectations of us is not nearly as important as God's consideration of us.
 - ii. As wives of ministers/leaders we too can be subjected to unjust magnification and/or depreciation.
 - iii. The goal is not to fall into a mode of people pleasing but to remember to be appropriately responsive to legitimate rebuke or critique.

4. What Can we Learn as Leader's Wives?
 - a. We must examine the expectations that we have for ourselves
 - i. Gaining God's approval (through obedience) not the approval of people
 - ii. Growing up in the Lord and Helping others to do the same
 - b. People pleasing is not God's desire for our lives
 - c. We are to seek to please God and not His creation
 - d. We are not ever going to be perfect