

Lesson 14, Part 2: Marriage – Her Role

I. The Wife's Role

A. To be his unique _____

Gen 2:18 - Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

1 Cor 11:3 - 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.

1. He is not made for _____, she is made for _____.
2. She alone was made to solve his problem of _____.
3. She alone is _____ suited for him.
4. She is to be a worker at home.

*Titus 2:3-5 - Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, **working at home**, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.*

- a. It doesn't say she can't work outside the home (cf. Prov 31).
- b. It does indicate that her first priority is keeping the home.

B. To be in joyful _____

Eph 5:22-24, 33 - Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands....However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1. This may not be _____ for her.

Gen 3:16 - To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be contrary to your husband, but he shall rule over you."

2. It is _____ before it is _____, and it comes as a result of walking by the Spirit.

Eph 5:15-18 - Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

3. It has limits. She must submit...

- a. Unless submitting causes her to _____ violate Scripture, causing her to sin.

Acts 4:19; 5:29 - But Peter and John answered them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,... But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men."

- b. Unless submitting causes her to violate her _____ (cf. Rom 14, 1 Cor 8–10).

Rom 14:23 - But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

4. It doesn't mean she's a _____.

Gal 6:1 - Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

C. To be a gentle and quiet spirit

1 Pet 3:3-4 - Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear— but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

1. Outward beauty must not be her "_____", not braiding the hair, not gold jewelry, or putting on shocking apparel.
2. She must constantly cultivate her _____.
 - a. _____, consistently cooperating; as opposed to _____, always arguing
 - b. _____ - void of pride and passion for self
 - c. Quietly _____
 - d. A greater desire to be deemed precious by her _____ than by her _____

D. To be an unconditional _____

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1. She is to place her _____ on him.
2. She is to love him because _____ is worthy, even if he is not.

E. To be overflowing with _____

1. Respect him _____

Eph 5:33: from *The Amplified Bible*, "...let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband – that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates and esteems him, and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly."

2. Respect his _____ (1 Cor 11:3)
3. Respectful in her _____ to him (Col 4:6)

II. Strengthening Your Marriage Alone**A. _____ Check – What are you thinking?**

1. Live to glorify God
2. Rest in the providence of God
3. Daily seek joy _____ God

B. _____ Check – He is not the problem!

Jas 4:7-10 - Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

1. Submit to God
2. Draw near to Him
3. Cleanse your hands of sin
4. Purify your hearts
5. Humble yourself

C. _____ Check – What are you doing?

1. Time in the Word

Ps 1:1–2 - Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Ps 119:11 - I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Ps 19:10–11 - More to be desired are they [Your Word] than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

2. Putting on and putting off
3. Planning for tomorrow but holding plans loosely

Matt 6:33–34 - But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

Eph 5:15 - Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Jas 4:13–15 - Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"-- yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

What is the main thing you have learned from this lesson?

As a result, what is the Lord asking you to change?