

The Role of the Wife **“Family Values”** **July 23-23, 2023**

Genesis 2:18 (NIV); The LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”

Matthew 7: 3-5 (NIV) “Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

The word **helper** in Hebrew is “ezer”, the meaning is to help/to rescue or save/to be strong.

Psalms 121:1-2 (NIV) “I lift up my eyes to the mountains— where does my help come from? ² My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.”

“Women were created from the rib of man to be beside him, not from his head to top him, nor from his feet to be trampled by him, but from under his arm to be protected by him, near to his heart to be loved by him.” **Matthew Henry**

Ephesians 5:22-24 (ESV); 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.

“Some say we don’t need a head in marriage. Anything without a head is a dead corpse. Others might say, we have two heads in our marriage. Anything with two heads is a monster.” **Valdmir and Lana Savuchuk**

John 12:49-50 (NIV) For I did not speak on my own, but the Father who sent me commanded me to say all that I have spoken. I know that his command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told me to say.”

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Proverbs 12:4 (NKJV); An excellent wife *is* the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame *is* like rotteness in his bones.

1 Peter 3:1 (NIV) Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1 Samuel 25:28-33. (NIV) ²⁸“Please forgive your servant’s presumption. The LORD your God will certainly make a lasting dynasty for my lord, because you fight the LORD’s battles, and no wrongdoing will be found in you as long as you live. ²⁹Even though someone is pursuing you to take your life, the life of my lord will be bound securely in the bundle of the living by the LORD your God, but the lives of your enemies he will hurl away as from the pocket of a sling. ³⁰When the LORD has fulfilled for my lord every good thing he promised concerning him and has appointed him ruler over Israel, ³¹my lord will not have on his conscience the staggering burden of needless bloodshed or of having avenged himself. And when the LORD your God has brought my lord success, remember your servant.”³² David said to Abigail, “Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. ³³May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands.

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Proverbs 31: 10-27 (AMP) An excellent woman [one who is spiritual, capable, intelligent, and virtuous], who is he who can find her? Her value is more precious than jewels *and* her worth is far above rubies *or* pearls. The heart of her husband trusts in her [with secure confidence], And he will have no lack of gain. She comforts, encourages, *and* does him only good and not evil All the days of her life. She looks for wool and flax And works with willing hands in delight. She is like the merchant ships [abounding with treasure]; She brings her [household's] food from far away. She rises also while it is still night And gives food to her household And assigns tasks to her maids. She considers a field before she buys *or* accepts it [expanding her business prudently]; With her profits she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard. She equips herself with strength [spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task] And makes her arms strong. She sees that her gain is good; Her lamp does not go out, but it burns continually through the night [she is prepared for whatever lies ahead]. She stretches out her hands to the ^ldistaff, And her hands hold the spindle [as she spins wool into thread for clothing]. She opens *and* extends her hand to the poor, And she reaches out her filled hands to the needy. She does not fear the snow for her household, For all in her household are clothed in [expensive] scarlet [wool]. She makes for herself coverlets, cushions, *and* rugs of tapestry. Her clothing is linen, pure *and* fine, and purple [wool]. Her husband is known in the [city's] gates, When he sits among the elders of the land. She makes [fine] linen garments and sells them; And supplies sashes to the merchants. Strength and dignity are her clothing *and* her position is strong and secure; And she smiles at the future [knowing that she and her family are prepared]. She opens her mouth in [skillful and godly] wisdom, And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue [giving counsel and instruction]. She looks well to how things go in her household, And does not eat the bread of idleness.

Titus 2:3-5 (AMP); Older women similarly are to be reverent in their behavior, not malicious gossips nor addicted to much wine, teaching what is right *and* good, ⁴ so that they may encourage the young women to tenderly love their husbands and their children, ⁵ to be sensible, pure, makers of a home [where God is honored], good-natured, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.

Proverbs 14:1 (NIV) says The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down.