



“HONORING MALE AND FEMALE ROLES”
I Corinthians 11:1-16

I. THE RECOGNITION OF PAUL’S EXAMPLE - 11:1

“Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

- His **EXAMPLE** was powerful
Phil. 3:17; Heb. 13:7

II. THE REMEMBRANCE OF PAUL’S EXHORTATIONS - 11:2

“Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you.”

- His **EXHORTATIONS** were practiced
“traditions” – **“paradosis”** 13x – ordinances
II Thess. 2:15; 3:6

“delivered” – **“paradidomi”** – hand over

III. THE RELATIONSHIP OF HUSBAND TO HIS WIFE - 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.”

“man” = Greek *aner* or *Andros* – used 212x in NT, 11x here
I Cor. 14:34-35; I Timothy 2:12; Ephesians 5:22

Remember...

Your responsibility, by God’s enabling, is to constantly apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil. 2:12-13; 1 Tim. 4:7-9; James 1:22-27).

As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

How can I accomplish this change?

What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

- The IMPERATIVE of a husband's submission to the Lord
"the head of every man is Christ"
- The IMPORTANCE of wife's submission to her husband
"the head of a wife is her husband"
- The ILLUSTRATION of submission
"and the head of Christ is God"

IV. THE REASONS FOR THIS INSTRUCTION - 11:4-15

- **Public DISHONOR – 4-6**
 - The Culture
 - The Context of praying or preaching
Acts 21:9, I Timothy 2:9-10
 - The Concern
 - The Comparison of uncovering and head shaved
- **Original DESIGN – 7-9**
 - The Plan of God is for a wife to reflect her husband's character and attitudes.
 - The Position of the woman in terms of creation of God.
 - The Purpose of creating the woman was for the benefit of the man - Gen. 2:18
- **Angelic DEFILEMENT – 10**
 - If Fallen Angels - I Tim. 5:11-15; II Tim. 3:6
 - If good angels - Heb. 1:14
- **Mutual DEPENDENCY – 11-13**
 - A joint Experience – 11
"in the Lord" – I Peter 3:7
 - A Biblical Explanation – 12
"all things are from God" - Romans 11:36
 - An obvious Evaluation – 13 *"Judge in yourselves"*
- **Natural DECISION – 14-15**
 - The Conclusion one draws from conscience or instinct
"nature" – *phusis*
 - Long hair for men – "shame"
 - Long hair for women – "glory"
 - The Covering of a woman
"for" - *anti* – "in stead of"

V. THE REALIZATION OF THIS PRACTICE IN THE CHURCHES - 11:16

"contentious" – *philoneikos* – loves a fight - fond of strife