

*•22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:22-33*

**•You never have a better relationship with God than you do your spouse.**

•God even says that if a man does not treat his wife properly his prayers will not be answered.

•Genesis 2

**•Covenant Vs. Contract**

*•covenant: a cutting, a binding agreement, a blood covenant.*

• **A COVENANT IS BASED ON MUTUAL COMMITMENT.**

• **A CONTRACT IS BASED ON MUTUAL DISTRUST.**

•Contract- I have to. Covenant- I desire to, want to, long to.

•I like to compare this mentality to the difference between someone who owns a house and someone who merely rents one. If you're renting and your house is discovered to have a serious foundation problem, you're not going to shell out \$40,000 to fix it. It's too expensive. You're going to move out. You'll find something else.

**•NOT GOOD!**

•God looks at Adam and says, "It is not good for the man to be alone" (Gen. 2:18).

•*the fellowship must be on the dog's level because the dog can only communicate on that level.*

*•So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. Genesis 2:21-22*

**•God created Adam with Eve in him.**

•The idea is one of Adam giving of himself for her and of her coming alongside him in his alone-ness and limited-ness.

**•Helpmeet**

•It is unfortunate that "helpmeet" has been used in such a way that its meaning has been obscured. The word "helper" occurs twenty-one times in the Old Testament and on fifteen of those occasions it refers to God helping man in one way or another—a fact which casts doubt on the common suggestion that woman as man's helper was in some way subordinate and inferior.

**•Woman was made for man; she was made from man; and she was given to man—the greatest of all God's gifts.**

**•Woman was only thing ever created that wasn't dust. Women have always been more complicated and expensive.**

**•VERY GOOD**

•Women are multipliers. Couldn't experience multiplication without her.

•What you sow into her she will reproduce.

**•Ladies you are divine help in a human package!**

**•The Marriage Myths**

**•Marriage is the Law of Sowing and Reaping:**

• **I cannot sow and get a crop.**

- **I can get a good crop from bad seed.**
- **Sowing good seed won't work.**
- **I can get many harvest out of one sowing.**
- As a couple, God said they had power to rule the world. And that's when Satan entered the picture.
- **Satan showed up when they were separated.**
- **What is about to be multiplied? Covenant. DOMINION!**
- **Satan could not get them cursed until he could get them divided.**
- **The woman believed the lie. The man believed the woman. Neither of them checked with God.**
- After Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, God pronounced a curse over them.
- In Genesis 3:16, we find that He told Eve her **desire** would be for her husband, and he (Adam) would rule over her.
- **The word desire in that scripture means "a desire to usurp authority."**
- **She would fight for authority and He would fight to dominate.**
- Because they are divided their dominion authority has been turned on each other!
- **This has and always will be the devils plan. He wants to keep you fighting each other. As long as you do that, you can't fight HIM!**
- Your power is wholly dependent on your unity.

#### Unified in Spirit

- Zipporah
- **24 And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him. 25 Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, and said, "Surely you are a husband of blood to me!" 26 So He let him go. Then she said, "You are a husband of blood!"—because of the circumcision. Exodus 4:24-26**

- Covenants cancels curses. Block Curses.
- He doesn't want you to pray together. Cast the devil out of every room!

#### Unified in Soul

- Friendship
- **Adam blamed eve. She blamed the snake.**
- Satan wants you to hold on to unforgiveness and bitterness toward your spouse. This way he can control you emotions, mind, will...
  - He wants your minds divided. Thinking bad thoughts toward each other. 1 mind
  - Emotions divided. Always mad. Always angry.
  - If he can divide you mind and emotions it's not long... Wills divided.
- He knows that when you are in 1 mind and accord, God shows up. HS!!!

#### Unified in Flesh

- Sex is WAR
- Deal with intimacy issues
- **3 Let the husband render to the wife due affection, and likewise the wife to the husband. 4 The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise, the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. 5 Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer. Then come together again, so that Satan does not tempt you for lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:3-5**
- We want it when we can't have it and don't want it when we can.
- **The couple that prays together, plays together, lays together, and stays together.**
- **The reason the enemy is fighting your marriage is because your covenant agreement makes him powerless.**