

## SCRIPTURE

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husband as you do to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church... Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her... In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church... Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Fathers, do not exasperate your children. Instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. Ephesians 5 & 6 (selected verses)

Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands... Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Colossians 3 & 4 (selected verses)

Wives...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... Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect... 1 Peter 2 & 3 (selected verses)

The Fall of Man has compromised our roles within marriage and family.

Husbands who do not lead are often passive or abusive.

"And you will desire to control your husband, but he will rule over you." Genesis 3:16

## EQUAL IN \_\_\_\_\_, DIFFERENT IN FUNCTION

"Blessed are You, God... who has not made me a Gentile... a slave... or a woman." Talmud, Menachot 43b

No other figure in history has elevated the value of women like Jesus!

### **A husband has unique role and responsibilities.**

Husbands are to lead the home.

Sometimes this means giving direction, other times this means delegation.

Husbands are to provide.

When God says, "man will work by the sweat of his brow," it doesn't necessarily mean the work will be hard. It means a man will be anxious to provide for his family.

Husbands are to \_\_\_\_\_.

Men have a chemical called vasopressin, which is a protective-aggressive hormone.

Husbands are to love their wives and children.

This love requires death. Death to my selfishness, hobbies, preferences, and so on.

## **A wife has a unique role and responsibilities.**

Wives are to help lead the home.

"The woman was made of a rib out of the **side** of Adam. Not made out of his head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved. Adam lost a rib... but in lieu of it he had a help mate for him, which abundantly made up for his loss." Matthew Henry

I lift up my eyes to the mountains. Where do my help come from? My **ezer** comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. Psalm 121:1-2

Wives are to \_\_\_\_\_.

Wives are to teach children the ways of God and younger women how to love husbands.

Wives are to love their husbands and children.

Wives are to be submissive to their husbands.

Mutual submission is ideal, but when there is an impasse, husband have final authority.

Peter asked Jesus, "What about him, Lord?" Jesus replied, "If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You follow Me!" John 21:22

"The ideal is a wife who is not withholding submission selfishly and a husband who does not demand it unreasonably." Walter L. Liefeld

## **LEARNING TO VOLLEY**

**Both husband and wife must learn to serve.**

**Both husband and wife must learn to receive.**

**Both husband and wife must learn to \_\_\_\_\_.**

Physical touch is a love language.

Quality \_\_\_\_\_ is a love language

Words of affirmation is a love language.

Acts of service is a love language.

\_\_\_\_\_ giving is a love language.