

I. Submission in marriage

- A. Equal persons, become one flesh, different in role
- B. *Created* difference of role – husband as head, wife as helper
- C. This is not interchangeable

II. Wives – follow your head

- A. Intelligent submission, not blind obedience (Luke 2:52; 7:8)
- B. Thorough - “as to the Lord”
- C. Non-Christian and Christian husbands alike (1 Peter 3:1)
- D. Within bounds - “as is appropriate in the Lord” (Colossians 3:18)

III. Husbands, love your wives

- A. Within Christian marriage, headship looks like *love*
- B. The judge of headship: God
- C. The model of headship: the cross of Jesus Christ
- D. The inevitability of headship

IV. The path and some pitfalls

- A. If your goal is your wife's sanctification, you need to shepherd her.
  - i. if you are a married man, you are your wife's first pastor
  - ii. Feeding your wife
  - iii. Guarding your wife
  - iv. Gentleness
- B. Tough Guy Syndrome (Psalm 14:1; 1 Peter 3:7)
- C. Nice Guy Syndrome
- D. Telling lies about Jesus
- E. Women: expect your husband to lead! (Genesis 3:16)

V. Christ our leader, our model, our power – in loving our wives

- A. Christ our leader
- B. Christ our model – self-sacrificial love for the good of his Bride
- C. Christ our power – *we can love because we have been loved and are loved* (Psalm 85:1-3; Romans 8:28)