



Husbands-Part 1 A Biblical Overview

1 Peter 3:7

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Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

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Husband Overview

How are you doing as a husband?

- What did you measure yourself against?
- How many of us can open up the Bible and walk through the biblical responsibilities of a husband?

As we study God's word regarding husbands over the next few weeks, I pray:

- You listen and heed God's word
- When you are convicted you acknowledge your sin before your wife and God, confess & seek forgiveness
- By God's grace, your new understanding leads to a change in behavior/life/priorities/schedule/actions

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Husbands-A Biblical Perspective

- Headship
- Loving your wife through servant leadership
- Purpose of Marriage

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Headship

Whether we understand it, acknowledge it, or obey the calling, headship is God-ordained and a biblical truth.

The bible is clear:

Genesis 2:18-24 Adam created first (Pre-fall)

- Paul’s argument for male leadership in 1 Timothy 2:11-14 & 1 Cor 11:2-16 is order of creation
- **1 Tim 2:12-13** *I do not permit a women to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first then Eve.*
- **1 Cor 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....v8 For man was not made from woman but woman from man.*
 - God’s ordained order (headship and submission) does NOT remove the dignity, significance, or value God has towards women

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Headship

The scriptures on wives submitting to their husbands imply headship and responsibility for the husband

- **Eph 5:22** *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*
- **Col 3:18** *Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*
- **1 Peter 3:1** *Likewise, wives, be submissive to your own husbands*

The bible implicitly and explicitly shows God has called husbands to headship & responsibility

- **Eph 5:23** *For the husband is the head of the wife*
- Knowing this is true, how has this impacted your life as a husband?
- To acknowledge this as true and then not to obey the God-ordained call is sin

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Headship

A husband’s headship is ordained by God. The order was established pre-fall. The order does not remove a wife’s dignity or value to God.

Headship is not based on ability, personality or knowledge, but on God’s sovereign will.

- God has established it, so we are called to it
- Husbands, this is not optional or something to merely consider, but it is something to be obeyed
- God has given you the uniform, grow into it

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Headship

Sin has distorted headship:

Most men are either passive/lazy and therefore do not lead, or they view headship as a way to fulfill their selfish and pride-filled desires (dictator)

- Both of which are sin
- Men do either of these sinful tendencies describe you?
- Assume the responsibility

The bible has give a different example and calling to headship

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Loving your wife through servant leadership

Ephesians 5:25-30

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that He might present the church to Himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy without blemish.

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself, For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of His body.

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Loving your wife through servant leadership

The purpose of our love is to glorify God and sanctify our wives, not for selfish gain

V28 “in the same way” Following Christ lead

- V26 *that He might sanctify her* (You have a major role in your wife’s sanctification)
 - V26 *having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word*
 - Through leading her by the Word, Studying the Word together, making time for her to read the Word
 - You must be in the word in order to fulfill this
 - V29 *for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes it*
 - Same word in Eph 6:4 *Fathers...but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord*
 - Feeding them, bringing them up, building them up (in the Word)
 - For how many of us is this a priority in our home? What other priorities have we made higher than this?

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Christ is our example in our headship, not the world:

We are to love our wives as Christ loved the church

- How did He love? “gave Himself up for her”
- The dying (daily) of self is required (this will cost you)
 - Dying to your own selfishness
 - Would your wife describe you as “selfless” or “selfish”?

What is your perspective of a leader?

Jesus exemplified servant leadership

- **John 13:12-15** *When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. ¹⁵ For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.*

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V29 *For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it*

- Tender love, to foster with tender care
- 1 Thess 2:7 *But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children*
 - “That’s just not the way I am wired”-I know, die to yourself, put on Christ
 - How do you want Jesus to respond to you when you sin? When you fail? When you hurt?

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Loving your wife through servant leadership

You are called to acknowledge and embrace the call of servant leader in your marriage & home.

You are to love your wife, and lead her spiritually. You are to nourish her by washing her in the Word. You are to cherish her and take care of her, as Christ does the church. You are to lay your life down to accomplish these things.

This will require a change in priority, which will bring about a change in your life/time.

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Purpose of Marriage

Ephesians 5:31-33 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

The institution of marriage (Gen 2:24) finds its purpose in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Marriage is to be a living demonstration of Jesus Christ (as the husband) laying His life down for the church (His bride). Our love for our wives is to magnify Jesus' love for His bride, the church.

So often we live as though marriage were designed to meet our selfish needs, rather than to magnify Jesus Christ and the gospel.

Lord willing, this will help both husbands & wives, see the greater purpose of marriage, as we both strive to glorify God in our God-ordained roles.

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Questions for husbands to ask wives

- Have I assumed the call of headship in our home in all areas the bible calls me to?
- Would you say I am a passive/lazy leader, a selfish dictator, or a selfless loving leader?
- Where am I failing as a leader in our home?
- Have I made something else a priority in our home? If yes, what?

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