



Joining Homes & Joining Hearts

Responsibilities & Roles

SDOE Spring 2022

Whose Job is it,
anyway?

Whose Job is it, Anyway?

Food shopping

Clothes shopping

Meal prep

Laundry

Taxes

Bills

House décor

Vacuuming &
dusting

Mail/Paperwork

Trash/recycling

Car maintenance

Insurance

Yard work

Dishes

Remembering

birthdays/appointments

Drives car

Plans vacation

Makes the coffee

Shovels

Getting kids to school

Taking care of kids when
sick

Disciplines the kids

Whose Job is it, Anyway?

- Conflict alert!
- Potential for unmet expectations
- Roommate syndrome

Daily to-Do List

Sunday	Attend Church
Monday	Plan Menu FHE
Tuesday	Wash Laundry
Wednesday	Clean Bedrooms
Thursday	Clean Bathrooms
Friday	Wash Laundry
Saturday	
Weekly Goals	

OUR VIEW OF MARRIAGE IS TOO SMALL!

2 Types of Marriage “Roles”

1) Household

Plan to discuss before marriage:

- page 60 in workbook

2) Biblical roles as husband and wife (Ephesians 5)

Ephesians, Chapter 5:

God's Design

¹ Therefore, be imitators of God...

- Be filled with the Spirit:

1. As Christians

- 2. Husbands & Wives**

3. Parents & Children

4. Masters & Servants

Christian family life is a work of God's Spirit.

Ephesians Chapter 5:

What it looks like to be filled with the Spirit

^{18b} be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs,

singing and making music to the Lord in your heart,

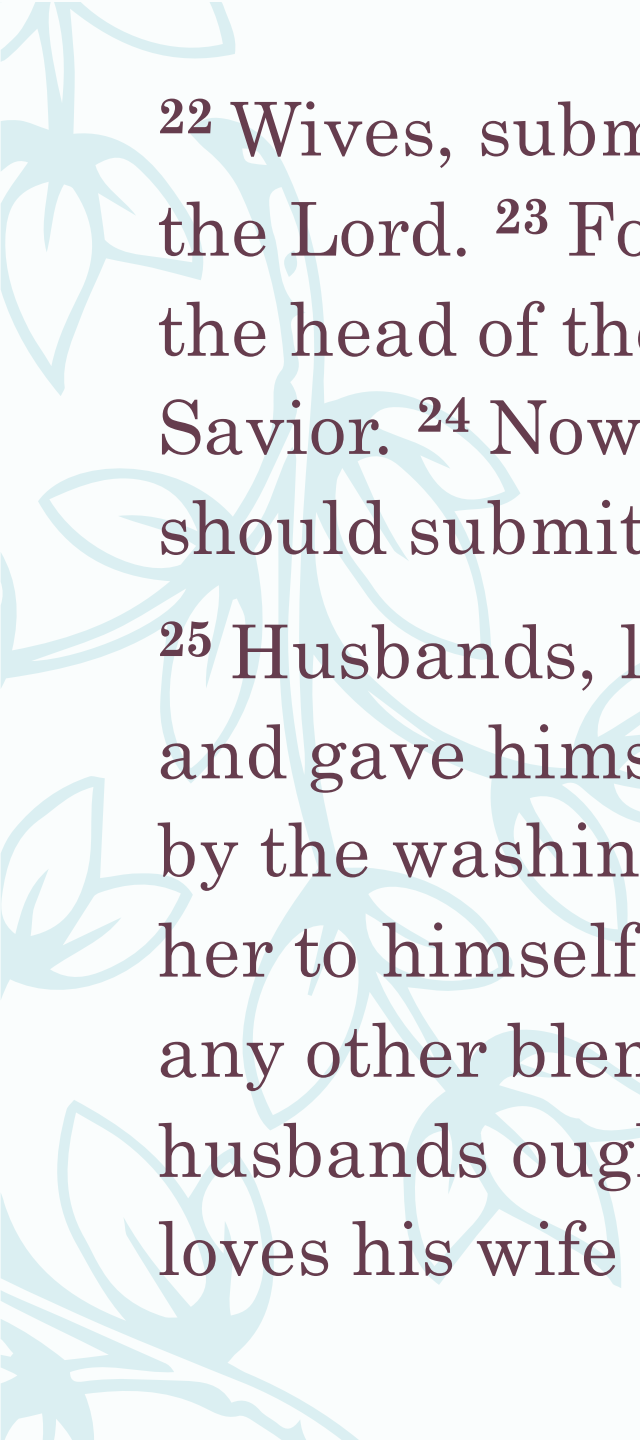
²⁰ giving thanks always for everything

to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

²¹ submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.

“submitting to one another in the fear of Christ.”

- One flesh → Mutual and voluntary submission.
 - Evidence of being filled with the Spirit
 - Submission means I voluntarily limit what I might do naturally in this relationship in order to benefit my spouse.
- We are **both** called to submission, respect, and love!



²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.



Marriage is a picture of Christ's relationship to his church.

- We have an amazing opportunity in marriage to display Christ to the world.
- We put Christ on display by the way we love our spouse.
- The husband takes his cues from Christ and the wife takes her cues from God's will for the church.

Equal value

- God values us equally and He calls us to value each other equally.
- *“There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:28*
- *“Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.” 1 Corinthians 11:11-12*
- We are all equal in value, but different in roles and responsibilities
- From this foundation we can build a healthy understanding of submission.

What is biblical submission?

- Submission is personal
 - Notice: Paul does NOT say “Husbands, tell your wife to submit”—or, “Wives, tell your husband to lead your family.”
- Submission is spiritual
 - Phil. 2:3-8: *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*
- Submission is mutual
- Submission is beneficial
- Submission is countercultural

Discussion

- Have you ever heard of Christian submission presented this way before? What thoughts or emotion does it stir in you?
- How would your friends/family describe Christian equality and submission without having heard this? Would they be open to the way it was presented here? How would they receive this teaching?
- Discuss a time when culture criticized the church for not valuing men and women equally. Either a personal experience or something you saw happening on a larger scale.
- In what ways has submitting to one another been made more difficult by our culture?

Husbands

Incredible opportunity to experience purpose and fulfillment in life

- In fact, this is your God given purpose if you are a Christian in a marriage relationship

Culture has pulled a fast one on us.

- *Money*
- *Position*
- *Power*
- *Fun*
- *Pleasure*

Leads to either overbearing bullies or grown boys,
neither are example of how Jesus lived and calls us to live

Jesus Example

Jesus set the example for men

- *Missional*
- *Compassionate*
- *Risk takers*
- *Interdependent*
- *Strong*
- *Emotionally Responsive*
- *Dangerous*
- *Sacrificial*

Leadership

Society's understanding of leadership

- Authority
- Power
- Position

Servant Leadership

Luke 22:26- Jesus says, "Let the leader become as one who serves."

- Upside Down Triangle
- Not a right to command or control
- All about Responsibility and Sacrifice
- Do the hard things first

Spiritual Leader

Initiators

- Cast vision
- Develop morality
- Protect
- Provide

Ephesians 5:25-27 = *lead wife toward holiness*

Responsibility of your wife or family rests on you

- Example of Adam
- *How will you answer God?*

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

How to do this

Don't be paralyzed

- Get with other guys who do this well
- Study the Bible and Pray

Start disciplining yourself in ways that serve your God and your family

- Serve at Church
- Get up early
- Work an extra hour
- Work one less hour
- READ!
- Get in the gym, eat better
- Develop new skills
- Talk with your wife, talk with your kids
- Give them breaks
- Prioritize God then family

You can do this!

Wives

- God says...
 - *Ephesians 5:33: "...and the wife must respect her husband."*
 - *Colossians 3:18: "Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands."*
- Culture says...
 - *Respect + submission = weakness, low self-worth*
- Reminder: We are all equal in value, but different in roles and responsibilities. Paul addresses structure & function, not value, equality, or importance.
- TEAM mindset
- You COMPLIMENT each other

Wives

- “Be filled with the Spirit . . . submitting to each other out of reverence for Christ, wives to your own husbands as to the Lord.”
- The way we submit to our own husbands is a direct reflection of the relationship we have with God and the evidence of His Spirit at work within us
- It's not easy or natural, which is why we need God's help!

Wives

1 Peter 3:1-5

*“¹Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, **so that** even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct...*

*⁵For this is how the holy women who **hoped in God** used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands...”*

Does your partner look at you and see Jesus in you?

Are you putting your trust in God first?

Where is your motivation?

Wives

Biblical submission *is not*:

- Universal
- Dangerous
- Conditional

Biblical submission *is*:

- Humility
- Patience
- Prayer
- Encouragement

How can you make decisions when the two of you can't agree?

- Be FOR him, not against him.
- His job is impossible without your help
- Share in humility
- God is holding your husband accountable for his decisions.
- Pray for him and his wisdom from God
- Trust that God is in charge, even if you see a situation differently than your husband.

Discussion

What examples of manhood have you seen both good and bad?

What examples of godly women have you seen?

What characteristics do you want to build into your life?

What are you already doing well?

Be Imitators of God (filled with the Spirit)

This is what God has called all of us to do. He wants all of us to act like Christ:

- deny yourselves
- serve one another
- put on love above all else
- be humble and servants
- be Christ!

Submission flows naturally out of that mindset.

Walk as Jesus walked, and you will be the husband or wife He wants you to be.

References and further reading:

1) *Christ-Centered Relationships* – Francis and Lisa Chan

Youtube – parts 1, 2, 3

2) *You and Me Forever* – Francis and Lisa Chan, free study, app and book online

3) *House or Home* – Chip Ingram, book, study series

*talk to us if you are interested in any of these resources!