


Wives and Husbands

Part 2


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Husbands

- "according to knowledge" (cf. 2:19; 3:2 "in fear"; 2 Pet. 1:2-3, 5, 8; 2:20; 3:18)
- A weaker "vessel?" (Gr. *skeuei* | cf. 1 Thess. 4:3-5; 2 Cor. 4:7-11)
- Honor, not (just) sympathy
 - An effective prayer life is at stake (cf. 1 Pet. 4:7)

2



Men and Women, Husbands and Wives

- Male headship—an objective position (Eph. 5:23)
 - Not based on leadership skill, theological acumen or intellectual giftedness, but on God's design patterned after redemption (Isa. 54:4-5; Eph. 5:22-33) and exemplified in the Trinity
- God's plan is not for wives to place their trust in their husbands; it is for wives to place their trust in Him as they reflect the glory of the purified church under Christ (Eph. 5:26-27).
 - Wives: Posture vs. Picture

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- o Submission in the *fear of God* will prohibit wives from submitting to their husbands on occasions where they are being led to explicitly sin or violate their conscience (Rom. 14:23).
 - "What about....?" | The importance of local church membership and community
- o Male Headship: A covenant *responsibility*, not a relational perk
- o Wives: Divinely appointed "house-despots" (1 Tim. 5:14; Prov. 31:11; Titus 2:5)
- **Summary:** Wives are to act in accordance with their husbands' leading and direction, while expecting to have authority and influence of their own in the home as their husband's leadership takes a biblical shape, and as they glorify God together by self-sacrificially playing their respective roles with excellence.
