

The Role & Responsibilities of Husbands

Introduction:

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HUSBAND - HE IS GLORIFYING AND SUBMISSIVE TO GOD AND IN MANY WAYS LIKE CHRIST WHEN:

A. A Christ-like husband is a sacrificial **LOVER** (Eph 5:1-2, 25-33)

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her”

1. Love Defined

a) Popular views

b) Biblical view

2. Love Described

a) As Christ loved the church

(1) In principle:

(a) Initiatory

“We love, because He first loved us.” 1 John 4:19

(b) Sacrificial

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her”
Eph. 5:25

(c) Humble

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.”
Phil. 2:3–4

(d) Volitional

“You did not choose Me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He may give to you.” *John 15:16*

(e) Contra-conditional

“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” *Rom. 5:8*

(f) Eternal and Committed

“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” *Rom. 8:39*

(g) Forgiving

“Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.” *Col. 3:13*

(h) Purifying and Constructive

“That He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.” *Eph. 5:26–27*

(i) Practical

“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” *1 John 3:18*

- (2) In actual practice: Christ loved us in ways we can understand

B. A Christ-like husband is a **SERVANT-LEADER** (Eph 5:21-33; 1 Cor 11:3,9,11)

1. What Godly Leadership is Not

a) A dictatorship – Matt. 20:25 - Pagans exercise dominion and want to control.

b) Making all the decisions

c) Following your wife

(1) 1 Cor. 11:3,7-9—“But I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a woman, and God is the head of Christ. For a man ought not to have his head covered, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man. For man does not originate from woman, but woman from man; for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.”

(2) Eph. 5:23—God did not intend for the husband to follow his wife's lead but vice-versa.

2. What Godly Leadership Is

“Biblical headship is a divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.”²

a) Christ's example

² John Piper, “A Vision of Biblical Complementarity: Manhood and Womanhood Defined According to the Bible,” in *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood: A Response to Evangelical Feminism*, eds. John Piper and Wayne Grudem (Wheaton: Crossway Books, 1991), 52-53.

b) Practically

C. A Christ-like husband is a patient **LONGSUFFERER**
(Col 3:19)

1. The meaning

2. The application

D. A Christ-like husband is a humble **LEARNER** (1 Pt 3:7)

“You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.” *1 Pet. 3:7*

1. The Command—Our culture says you can't understand a woman. Yet God says not only that you can, but that you must.

a) Takes time—If God says to do it, you have the time; you must prioritize it

b) Takes effort

2. The Result

CONCLUSION