

The Christian Husband

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I. The Christian Husband

"Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, ACT LIKE MEN, be strong. All that you do, do it in LOVE. 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

Eight Basic Qualities of a Man of God

A. He is a Spiritual Leader.

1. First and Foremost for His Family.

1 Timothy 3:4-5 *If a man does not know how to **manage** his own household well, how will he take care of the church of God?*

Some translations use the word "**rules**" instead of "**manage**."
The original word in the Greek means: "stands before."
This gives the meaning of: "**A LEADER**"

A MAN'S First Ministry is to His WIFE
and then to His Children.

2. Example: NOAH Hebrews 11:7 BUILDING AN ARK

- a) By Faith Noah Obeyed
Hebrews 11:8 Romans 10:17 Genesis 6:9
- b) He was warned:
Genesis 6:11-13 2 Timothy 3:1-5 Matthew 24:3, 7, 9-14, 37
- c) Moved with fear Job 1:1,5 Proverb 16:6; 8:13
- d) Built an Ark (literal – a box; a sacred ark; or treasure chest)

A **Treasure Chest** is where you put your most valuable possessions. 1 Corinthians 3:9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Proverb 24:3-5
- e) Salvation of his family Luke 11:21-22

3. **HEAD** of the family → Position given by God.
1 Corinthians 11:3
4. A **SERVANT** Mark 10:43-45
5. A **TEACHER** Deuteronomy 6:6-9 Ephesians 6:4
Proverb 13:24; 22:6,15; 23:12; 19:18; 29:15, 17
6. A MAN OF **VISION** Proverb 29:18 Help your children discover their purpose in life and accomplish their full potential.

B. He is a MAN She can Respect. Titus 1:6-10

RESPECT CAN NOT BE DEMANDED, IT IS EARNED from your wife, children and others.

1. Loves the Lord → A man of Prayer
2. Loves the Word of God → Bible Study Psalm 1 2 Timothy 2:15
3. Filled with the Holy Spirit Ephesians 5:18
4. Led by the Spirit Galatians 5:18
5. Fruit of the Spirit in His life Galatians 5:19-25
6. Partaker of the divine nature 2 Peter 1:4-11

C. A MAN who LOVES His Wife.

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, just **as** Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her* NASU

LOVE GIVES / SACRIFICE Example of Jesus: Philippians 2:5-8

1. Jesus Established a Covenant with his Bride.

The Lord God is a Covenant Making & KEEPING God. Isaiah 54:10

Eight Covenants Made by God in the Bible.

Entered into to by:

- a) Agreement of terms or Vows: Genesis 12:2-3, 7 "I Will . . . "
- b) Shedding of blood. Genesis 15:9+
- c) Sign of the Covenant Genesis 9:12 rainbow; 15:7 the land / (ring)
- d) Name change Genesis 17:5 (wife takes husband's name)
- e) **Two become One** / Joint Heirs / Stand together, work together.

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT and Entered into in the same manner AND ORDER, as the Lord God set forth in His Word (see above).

Malachi 2:14 *Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your **companion** and **your wife by COVENANT**.* NASU

The word "covenant" in Hebrew means: "*cutting*" and therefore blood.

- Patterned after the "Covenant" JESUS CHRIST made with HIS BRIDE the Church.

❖ The Sexual Act is a Blood Covenant-Making Act.

❖ The Lord designed the female body in such a way that the first sexual act is a blood covenant act (a small amount of blood is shed when the hymen membrane is broken).

- Pre-marital sex & Adultery defiles the covenant Exodus 20:14
- The **MOTIVATION** Is **LOVE** not lust.

The **PROVISIONS** of Covenant:

- a) SACRIFICE - Laid His Life down. Ephesians 5:25
- b) LOYALTY - *I will never leave you* Hebrews 13:5
- c) PROVISION - *All these things will be added unto you* Mt.6:33
- d) PROTECTION *Nothing shall by any means hurt you* Luke 10:19
- e) PROPERTY *joint heirs* Romans 8:17

2. The Result of the Covenant:

Genesis 2:24 For this reason a man shall (1) leave his father and his mother, and (2) be **joined** to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

❖ Joined (Hebrew – dabaq) meaning: to cling or adhere, **bonded**

Matthew 19:5 For this reason a man shall (1) leave his father and mother and (2) be **joined** to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

❖ Joined (Greek – kollao): to glue or stick together; **bond together**

Matthew 19:6 So they are **no longer two**, but **one** flesh. What therefore **God has joined** together (bonded together) **let no man separate**.

STEPS:

1. LEAVE → Depart From / Separate.

The man should be mature enough and able to support and provide for his wife. And only then enter into the covenant of marriage by exchange of vows, name change and the covenant act.

2. CLEAVE or JOINED → Permanence / joined like skin to bones / **Bonded** Together / glued together

Science has shown that powerful hormones are released in the brain during the sexual act that in fact create a **'bonding experience'** between the two individuals.

❖ **Bonding** between a couple is defiled, diluted and weakened if committed with another person or persons (adultery). Instead of one mental / emotional / physical bond, there are two or more, adding to the dilution of the bond or bonds mentally & emotionally.

❖ Pre-marital sex establishes the same mental / emotional / physical bonds that weaken and dilute the future marital bond.

a) Meaning of One Flesh:

- Man is a THREE PART being. 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Adam & Eve had TOTAL UNITY: SPIRIT - SOUL & BODY
They were ONE Ephesians 5:28
- OPEN / TRANSPARENT / NO SHAME / HONEST
IN AGREEMENT Matthew 18:19

b) Satan recognized the power of this relationship.

- He set out to destroy it. He wanted their authority.

- o Still today through every means possible (i.e. pornography, etc.) he destroys the sanctity of the marriage covenant.
- o What the Lord loves most, satan attacks to destroy.

- i) Genesis 3:7 Became Self-Centered. "Covered Up" from each other – Separating themselves from one another.
Same Today!
- ii) Genesis 3:8 Hid From God who MUST BE IN THE MARRIAGE
Same Today!
- iii) Genesis 3:12 Failed to recognize who the enemy was and Justified their sin. **Same Today!**

- iv) Genesis 4:1 Only the physical union was left.

c) Jesus Christ Came to REDEEM & RENEW the ORIGINAL STANDARDS.

- Before Redemption:
Divorce permitted when hearts were hard.
Jesus came to change our Hard hearts. Jeremiah 32:39

- Original Plan did not include SEPARATION or DIVORCE

JESUS gave NO EXCUSE for divorce when talking to His disciples.
"except for immorality" Which breaks the covenant.

Matthew 19:3-9 *Some Pharisees came to Jesus, testing Him and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?" (4) And He answered and said, Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, (5) and said, 'for this reason a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and the two shall become **one** flesh'? (6) "So they are **no longer two, but one** flesh. What therefore **God has joined together, let no man separate.** (7) They said to Him, Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away? (8) He said to them, Because of your **hardness of heart** Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; **but from the beginning it has not been this way.** (9) And **I say** to you, whoever divorces his wife, **except for immorality**, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

- The Lord's position is: *What therefore **God has joined together, let no man separate.***

- It is in response to their question, vs.7 *Why did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away* that the Lord explains that it was because of the "*hardness of heart.*" And, goes on to explain that there is **no reason for divorce today "except for immorality"** which defiles the marriage covenant.
- Before the "*hardness of heart*" came up, that "*Moses permitted*" there is no mention from the Lord of any exceptions, as seen in the following verses. They all refer to the original design. The Matthew passage alone has the "exception clause."

Mark records this same passage and does not include the "exception clause."

Mark 10:11-12 *And He said to them, Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; (12) and if she herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.*

Luke 16:18 *Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.*

Romans 7:1-4 *Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? (2) For the married woman **is bound** by law to her husband while he is **living**; but if her husband **dies**, she is **released** from the law concerning the husband. (3) So then, if **while her husband is living** she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but **if her husband dies, she is free** from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man. (4) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made to die to the Law through the body of Christ, so that you might be joined to another, to Him who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for God.*

These three passages all refer to the "Original Design" and intent of the Lord which is the high standard we all should reach for.

HOWEVER – due to the condition of our hearts, **Paul** gives **his opinion** (like what Moses allowed) that if your partner obtains a divorce, then you are free to marry.

1 Corinthians 7:25-29 *Now concerning virgins I have no command of the Lord, but **I give an opinion** as one who by the mercy of the Lord is trustworthy. (26) I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is. (27) Are you bound to*

*a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are **you released** from a wife? Do not seek a wife. (28) **But if you marry, you have not sinned**; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.* NASU

The above NASU translation is closer to the original Greek language than the NIV, as the Greek word "released" specifically refers to divorce (Strong's Concordance #3080).

D. A Husband that "LIVES" with His Wife 1 Peter 3:7

- "Live with" / Life Together / Not Apart
- She is not a maid for laundry, meals, etc.

Luke 4:18 Life Together HEALS or MAKES WHOLE / GIVES LIBERTY

1. ACCEPTANCE (vs. Rejection) While we were sinners He chose us!

2. APPROVAL (vs. Disapproval) Words !!! tone of voice
Mark 10:21 *looking at him Jesus felt love for him.*

3. AFFECTION (vs. Withdrawal) Song of Solomon
Luke 24:39 touch Me and see
Mark 6:56 as many as touched were being cured

- It is fact that touch, personal contact, conveys acceptance which is desperately needed by everyone to fill the void in every heart. This void, in our wives and children, must be filled by the husband or father and NOT BY ANOTHER at a later time (like by a young man to girl on a date).

4. RECONCILE → Restore to a Right Relationship Matthew 5:21-24

5. FORGIVENESS

1 Cor.13:5 "Love does not take into account a wrong suffered."

1 Peter 4:8 *Above all keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.*

Definition: To give free pardon of, and forget any offense or debt.

Do Not Speak to Others About the Offense: Proverb 17:9

Forgiveness is a Command of God.

- a) If we forgive - we are forgiven Matthew 6:14-15
- b) Unforgiveness holds us in BONDAGE Matthew 18:23-35
 - (i) Physical and Mental Illness
 - (ii) Can be the root of demonic strongholds
 - (iii) Affects both parties John 20:23
- c) Blocks the Promises of God Matthew 5:23-24 Mark 11:25
- d) Repentance of our spouse is not necessary before we can forgive them
 - i.e. Jesus Luke 23:34 Stephen Acts 7:60
- e) No Limit to the number of times we are to Forgive Matthew 18:22
 - Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs 1 Corinthians 13:5
Love Covers a Multitude of sin 1 Peter 4:8
 - If Spouse is Committing Repetitive Sin:
Forgive AS God does Isaiah 43:25 Psalm 103:12
- f) Forgiveness Is An ACT OF THE WILL, Feelings will follow
- g) Need To Examine Ourselves, Not Our Spouse
 - Self-Righteousness Matthew 7:1-5 Luke 6:37
Not Big & Little Sin. To God Sin is Sin. 1 John 2:4; 3:4
We become like the one we Judge

- Companionship (closeness) with God is hindered: Mt. 6: 14-15
We Will Not Prosper Proverb 28: 13

- BITTERNESS Hebrews 12: 15
Destroy Us
Affect Other People
Give Birth to Other Sin
Harden Our Heart
Crush and Kill Love

- Taking Up An OFFENSE OF ANOTHER - Easy to do

- FORGIVE OURSELVES

- FORGIVE OTHERS

E. A MAN that UNDERSTANDS and KNOWS His Wife. 1 Peter 3: 7

1. Work to Understand Her. Show Her by:
 - a) Giving Protection → to cover. Ruth 3:9 back her up
 - b) Listen to her carefully. What she is really saying.
 - c) Be Sensitive - spirit, soul and body
 - d) Know her strengths and weaknesses
 - e) Know her gifts and abilities
 - f) Give her your ear and arms and not your mouth.

2. Understanding Requires: AGREEMENT

"Can two walk together except they be agreed?" Amos 3: 3

Without agreement as husband and wife, there is lack of peace.
James 3:16

- a) Opens the door to enemy attack.
- b) Keeps us out of God's will.
- c) Leads to blaming each other for failures
"I told you so." "You always think you are right."

AGREEMENT GOD'S WAY. Matthew 18:19 agreement means
HARMONY

WE MUST AGREE, not on MY will, but GOD'S WILL.

THE LORD SPEAKS THROUGH:

- His Word
- Prayer "Whatever they shall ask..." Matthew 18:19
Both husband and wife need to Hear Him Luke 11:10

PRINCIPLES:

- The time it takes to come into agreement is far less than the time it takes to unravel a wrong decision.
- The HUSBAND is LEADER in reaching agreement.
- Determine not to make any major decisions without Agreement.

WRONG WAYS TO REACH AGREEMENT:

- Lack of Strife
- Expert Opinion
- Compromise
- Survival of the strongest between husband and wife
- Manipulation
- Logic (husband) vs. Emotion (wife)
- Open Doors and/or Closed Doors

Bringing God's Will to Pass on Earth *"it will come to pass and be done for them by my Father in Heaven"* Matt.18:19

- Waiting to make sure you have God's will allows you to proceed in confidence
- It enables His will to come to pass on earth.
- A Couple consistently seeking agreement in this manner will begin to focus on the will of God as a way of life.

F. A MAN that "HONORS" His Wife. 1 Peter 3:7 "Giving Honor"

1. Placed on a Pedestal → Queen manners whatever she wants
2. Made to feel "NUMBER ONE"

G. A MAN that "Nourishes and Cherishes" His Wife.

Ephesians 5:28-20

Nourish: That which strengthens and promotes health & happiness.

Cherish: Treat her very special - Alert, sensitive, protects

Examples: The way a man takes care of his new bike as compared to his old bike.

H. A MAN that Communicates Intimately with His Wife

- Ephesians 5:26 sanctify - to set apart to ones self. Privileged position.
 - Words are Powerful! Proverb 18:21 (death & life)
 - Our Words are like seed sown in her heart. Mt. 13:3, 19

If we **SOW** Right words we **REAP** INTIMACY.

If we **SOW** Wrong words we **REAP** SEPARATION.

- Sowing and Reaping Galatians 6:7-9

1. Spiritual Law

- a) Like Natural law - will be fulfilled.
- b) Ignorance does not stop it from producing fruit
- c) We are guaranteed a harvest.
- d) We will reap exactly what we sow

2. Seed Sowing James 3:9-10

- a) Seed selection either from God or from satan.

This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. Deuteronomy 30:19-20

- b) JESUS ALWAYS SOWS LIFE. He Is Life. John 14:6
- c) satan ALWAYS sows DEATH. John 10:10
- d) No seed is Neutral.
- e) We are ALWAYS SOWING; therefore we are ALWAYS REAPING.
- e) When we are Born Again we are directed to choose only Live-Giving Seed. Romans 8:5
- g) Old HABITS cause us to choose seed from the wrong bag.

3. Types of Seed We Sow

- a) WORDS "Our children are so rebellious."
"Our children desire to obey God."
"I can not do that" "I can do all things through Christ ..."
- b) ATTITUDES Humility vs. Pride Gratitude vs. Bitterness
- c) ACTIONS Accepting or Rejecting / Freely Giving or selfishness

4. How We Sow

- a) WE are Always Sowing Into: Our life, wife, children

- b) The HEART Is SOIL Jeremiah 4: 3-4
- c) Types of SOIL: Rocky or Thorny.
 The WATER of the WORD and PRAYER helps Soften
 Easier to weed

5. Factors of the Harvest

- a) TIME: Wait – Water. Fertilize with Actions - Do Not Dig Up.
- b) MULTIPLICATION Will reap “whatever a man sows that...”
 - Will Reap More Than we Sowed
 - Each Crop Provides Seed for Future Sowing
 - satan gives us a Single Seed: We Plant It and Reap Even More. We then plant even more Seed and reap a Larger Crop

6. Recognizing Crops

- a) Good Crops: Discover What Seed Was Sown and Select more good seed.
- b) Bad Crops: Repentance is like a Weed Killer. It may take time. 1 John 1:9

7. Sowing Good Crops

- a) CHOOSE SEED From God’s Seed Bag / The WORD of GOD
- b) Choose your Word’s Carefully
 Deuteronomy 30:19 2 Corinthians 9:10
- c) PREPARE THE SOIL
 Prayer / Word for others: Intercession & Sp. Warfare
- d) SPEAK FORTH THE WORD TO SOW IT

Proverb 18:21 Job 22:28 Mark 11:23

e) FERTILIZE with Appropriate Actions James 2:26

REALIZE THE ENEMY SEEKS TO PLANT HIS SEEDS IN YOUR
THOUGHTS 2 Corinthians 10:5 Philippians 4:8

8. Avoiding Strife James 3:16 Proverb 20:3

- a) Takes two to have strife. Just Refuse.
 A merry-go-round or strife is hard to stop.
 Proverb 15:1
- b) More Important to AVOID than to JUSTIFY SELF.
 Matthew 23:12
- c) SOW LOVE when the other Sows Strife
 Romans 12:21; Philippians 2:3; Galatians 5:14,15
- d) Your Spouse IS NOT THE ENEMY Ephesians 6:12
- e) AVOID BY: TAKING UP YOUR CROSS - You ARE DEAD
- f) Call A STRIFE BREAK When needed.
 DO NOT SAY: "You are causing.."
 TAME THE TONGUE James 3:2-8

PRAY SILENTLY FOR THREE MINUTES.

CONFESS AND ASK FORGIVENESS.

I. The Result

- 1 Peter 3:7 A Powerful, Mountain- Moving Prayer Team

- Matthew 18:19 *If two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.*
- John 13:35 *By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.*

And they lived happily ever after.

The end