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God's Role For Women. Pt. 2
Eph. 5:22-24 #5

In the last fifty years, from the 70's to 2020, our society has trusted the quote, "Professionals" for raising children and marital problems by their secular humanistic teachings in particular the psychologist, the church is no exception.

"Professional help" has been the buzz word for our modern-progressive society, who are supposed to help rid the ills of the family and society, but it seems the problem has only grown with the increase of "professionals and progressive educators".

1. People have been taught an entirely new language to excuse, justify and blame others for their behavior such as; dysfunctional, co-dependent, enabler and now we have "political correctness", to not offend anyone and accept everyone without judgment.

2. So we have a society completely entrenched in this psycho-Babel language and philosophy of self-love, self-justification and being a victim blaming everyone for how their life has turned out, be it their father or mother for the way they were treated as a child or institutions that did not meet their needs, resulting and producing an irresponsible entitled society, unloving and inconsiderate adults living for no one but themselves.

1986 Channel 7 (ABC) presented a special called "After the Sexual Revolution", which gave the social and economic changes that had affected the family and the consequences of the last 30 years of sowing to such philosophies, 1966-86. The importance of this information was that it was from a non-Christian perspective, observing the deceptive and self-centered attitudes that had progressively destroyed the family and sanctity of marriage, as we knew it in the past. The opening statement by a woman is a good example of the "me generation" "The greatest gift is freedom of self-expression. My personal life has taken a shape that I have it, and I like it, because I chose it. That means that you are the constant innovator of yourself, that is an enormous freedom." This was 34 years ago!

1. When one realizes the contrast between the divine design for marriage and family to the philosophy of humanism and progressivism in our American education and society, it is clear to see the consequences of violating God's plan for the family. Just as the Hosea told the people of God that they sow the wind and reap the whirlwind. Hos. 8:7

2. Family life must be a household of people united by moral and ethical convictions and have a vital function beyond themselves.

The concluding statement of the ABC special of "After the Sexual Revolution" was most illuminating, "We cannot really believe what has happened to the American family, so I think we have not really

understood the depth of the problem because we really don't want to know it."

1. "We are a country without policy for the family, and we are placing a generation of children at risk.

We are a nation at risk, if we are to rescue our children we must see things as they really are."

2. This is 34 years ago and about 30 years after of the sexual revolution of the 60's!

* What a sad state of affairs we find our nation in and the church often is no better, in fact worse because she has the Word of God, knowing better!

The ills of society and the home would begin to be cured if mothers were at home to care for their children and both fathers and mothers would be as committed to marriage as much as they are to divorce for every and any reason.

Let's continue our study of God's role for the woman to have a complete understanding about what the Bible teaches by looking at three things. Eph. 5:22-24

I. The positive picture is overwhelming.

II. The parallel passages are in harmony.

III. The present-day problems in families.

I. The positive picture is overwhelming.

A. The wife is compared to the Church, the object of God's personal love. vs. 22-23

1. The church is the object of God's love, so the wife is to be the object of the husband's

love is to be Christ-like caring, protect and provide for her.

2. The wife is put on an equal level with the church, a divine intimate relationship, this double analogy of the husband as head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church is unique of Ephesians!
3. There will be no closer tie than that of a wife and husband, the ties to children are temporal not till death, as husband and wife.
4. The marital relation is the closest and the most binding, the most sacred of all, on the same level of Christ to His church.
5. The woman's submission "hupotasso" never implies inferiority, but divine order as we have noted, "to her own husband". vs. 21, 22
 - a. Submission and authority must exist for effective productiveness.
 - 1) Both equal before God, but not in their respective roles of male and female.
 - 2) They have different roles based on their respective design for marriage and family, being responsible and accountable to God and each other.
 - b. Submission by the woman has a built in protection, so as not to be abused by carnal Christian husbands or an ungodly unreasonable unbelieving husband.
 - 1) Only what Scripture commands and instructs her to obey, is she to submit.

- 2) The violation of her conscience to the Scriptures places her to a higher submission, obedience to Christ.
 - 3. The husband is not to be a tyrant or despot, but a type of Christ, a very positive picture of love and sacrifice in marriage. vs. 25-31
 - a. Marriage is not a relation of master and slave, Christ died to purified His bride.
 - b. They are not in competition with each other, but are a completion, being joined in marriage to one another, one flesh.
- B.** The woman completes the man as the church completes Christ. vs. 23
- 1. The Church is said to be the fullness of Christ, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Eph. 1:23
 - 2. The passage is a mystery for Christ needs nothing to complete Him, yet it is said that the body the church fills Christ.
 - 3. This is well knowing that Christ is God and He needs nothing to complete Him, yet in a subordinate position seeks to be incomplete without the bride, His church, the begetton sons and daughters of God.
 - 4. The wife plays the same role from the beginning, as God gave two particulars about the woman's role in Genesis.
 - a. First, she was to bare children by and with her husband. Gen. 1:28

- b. Second, she was to be a help comparable to him and for him. Gen. 2:18
 - c. This is the highest calling for woman, to be a wife and a mother, unless she has the gift of celibacy. 1Cor. 7:7
 - 1) This is the ability to remain single by not burning in sexual desire or to be stumbled with the opposite sex.
 - 2) This is a gift of God, no one is to take it upon themselves, lest they live in lust and burning. 1Cor. 7:9
4. Most women today are made to feel that if they are not working outside the home in some profession to fulfill their own sense of self-worth by contributing to the income of the home, they are failures of little worth.
- a. What a lie the world and Satan has given to the women of America and the world.
 - b. The man is the one that is to provide for his bride by the sweat of his face, God said, "By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread". Gen. 3:19
 - * Nothing had changed as far as Paul was concerned in 4,000 years!
 - c. I realize some single mothers have to work, divorced, or due to the disability of a husband.
 - 1) But I also realize that too many women, even in the church work to get the extras or more things, even though they have children.

- a) Compromise has and will continue to hurt the believer and the church, no one gets away with disobedience, it will cost us!
 - b) Obedience is the way God has chosen to protect us from so many hurts and problems in life!
 - 2) Children can get along with only one car in the family, but not with one or two absentee parents.
 - 3) The two-income family on the average makes very little over the one income, after child-care, arranged travel for children and herself, lunches and federal and state in-come-tax.
 - 4) Many working parents say they would like to spend more time with their kids, but their actions prove them false, as they take off on week-end holidays without children, saying they deserve it and need time for them self!
- C. The woman and man are one, not two separate individuals, just as the church is subject to Christ. vs. 24
1. The two shall become one flesh. Gen. 2.24
 - a. The woman is bone of his bone, flesh of his flesh.
 - b. Their oneness before God takes place at the alter by their vows.

- c. Their oneness emotionally and sexually occurs at the honeymoon.
 - d. Their oneness is worked out throughout life together, based on their spiritual understanding of God's word that reveals His design for marriage and respective roles of husband and wife and.
 - e. Some wives or husbands live as singles, spending time with their worldly friends, dishonoring their husband or wife.
2. The woman and the man are heirs together of the grace of life. 1Pet. 3:7
 - a. They benefit one another.
 - b. They each make life enjoyable.
 - c. They cannot see themselves without each other.
 - d. Yet, they can hurt one another more deeply than any other person.
 - e. They can also open their hearts to each other, as to no other.
 3. The perspective of the woman for her husband is to be loyalty and faithful love.
 - a. THE SHULAMITE, "My beloved is white and ruddy, Chief among ten thousand. His head is like the finest gold; His locks are wavy, And black as a raven. His eyes are like doves By the rivers of waters, Washed with milk, And fitly set. His cheeks are like a bed of spices, Banks of scented herbs. His lips are lilies, Dripping liquid myrrh. His

hands are rods of gold Set with beryl. His body is carved ivory inlaid with sapphires. His legs are pillars of marble Set on bases of fine gold. His countenance is like Lebanon, Excellent as the cedars. His mouth is most sweet, Yes, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, And this is **my friend**, O daughters of Jerusalem!” Prov. 5:10-16

- b. She repeatedly declares, “I am my beloved’s and my beloved is mine” and “His desire is for me”, passion for each other! Song Sol. 2:16, 6:3. 7:10
- c. **THE SHULAMITE TO HER BELOVED**, “Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.” Song. Sol. 8:6

Illustration

“Dietrich Bonhoeffer, sitting in a Nazi prison cell, once wrote a wedding sermon for a niece who was about to be married. In it he said, Marriage is more than your love for each other. It has a higher dignity and power, for it is God’s holy ordinance, through which he will to perpetuate the human race till the end of time. In your love you see only your two selves in the world, but in marriage you are a line in the chain of the generations, which God causes to come and to pass away to his glory, and calls into his kingdom. In

your love you see only the heaven of your happiness, but in marriage you are placed at a post of responsibility towards the world and mankind. Your love is your own private possession, but marriage is more than something personal- it is a status, and office.”

* What we believe will determine what we are going to put into life practice.

Sow a thought reap a deed.

Sow a deed reap a habit.

Sow a habit reap a character.

Sow a character reap a destiny. #5002

Application

1. Every time marriage is presented in today’s society it is in a negative light so society does not feel guilty.
 - a. Husband and wife are committing adultery.
 - b. There is constant fighting and unhappiness in the marriage.
 - c. Divorce is inevitable most of the time.
 - * “Professing to be wise, they became fools.” Rom. 1:22
2. The mind-set presented to the woman is one that makes her feel like she is being cheated, unless she has her own identity, but in reality for her not to be cheated, her identity is to be tied to her husband.
 - a. Billboards, television and advertisements make a woman feel like she is being held back, deserves more and does not need a man.

- b. The boys at Madison Avenue have done their homework and they are quite good at catching the eye of the public on every level.
 - c. The woman is made to believe that she can have it all and not pay a price if she buys into the redefinition of marriage and family.
 - * “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.” Gen. 2:24
3. The woman is encouraged to be and presented as the initiator in our modern society to further weaken marriage and the family.
- a. She hits on the man aggressively.
 - b. She is as suggestive, if not more than the man in her sexuality.
 - c. She holds her own with a man, be it in work, play or promiscuity, “celebrating her womanhood”, so called, no longer being restricted or limited to a house-wife.
 - * “An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.” Prov. 12:4

The woman’s role is a very positive picture, an exalted position from the Biblical point of view!

II. The parallel passages are in harmony.

- A. The virtuous woman. Prov. 31:10-31
 - * This is not a check-list men, but an exhortation and model example!

1. No value can be placed on a wife, she is priceless. vs. 10
2. He can trust her to be frugal, make his earnings last as much as possible. vs. 11
3. She is committed to doing him good rather than evil, not so much in external work, but the intention of her mind toward him, for the purpose of not being distracted or anxious, providing. vs. 12
4. She is meeting the needs, clothes being wise, but the idea here is that it is her hands pleasure, it is not a burden. vs. 13
5. She has an enterprising spirit seeking to get more for her money and perhaps even saving the extra for emergencies. vs. 14
6. She is concerned about her household, over herself and it is her joy, she sees her children and husband off. vs. 15
7. She has been thrift and invested in a field, in view of future trouble times, working from within the home. vs. 16-17
8. She is the last in bed knowing the benefit of her role and does it lovingly. vs. 18
9. She is creative in the provisions of her home like curtains, decoration, not having to buy everything or name brands, etc. vs. 19
10. She is generous and compassionate to other with needs. vs. 20
11. She is always looking ahead to the needs of her house throughout the year. vs. 21

12. After everyone is taken care of then she helps herself to delight her husband. vs. 22
13. She reveres her husband, thinks the world of him and counts herself privileged. vs. 23
* Do not compare your husband to any other man ladies!
14. On her spare time she makes some things to supplement the income, but not out of the house. vs. 24
15. God will reward her, but also her very own sewing in loving obedience will reap her a reward from her family. vs. 25
16. Spirit controlled not an airhead, thinking before she speaks. vs. 26
17. She minds her own business and is not a busybody in the neighborhood. vs. 27
18. Her value and appreciation is voiced by her children and husband for her caring character, she is irreplaceable. vs. 28
 - 1) I thank God my children had their mother at home to meet all their needs, dropped and picked them off at school as a caring and protective overseer! And being now 42 and 43, they have expressed it verbally and in their letters and cards!
 - 2) Now that same loving sacrifice is being lived out by my daughter for my grandchildren, what a joy!
19. This is the Christian woman. vs. 29
20. She has right priorities between outward and inward beauty. vs. 30

21. She stands on her own merits, all who know her, will know her by her fruits. vs. 31
* That is one busy lady and loving it? What is she? A loving housewife!
- B.** The council of Paul to Timothy for church order regarding women. 1Tim. 5:11-15
1. Younger widow under 60 years are to be refused for the lists of widows for they will most likely marry again. vs. 11-12
* Confirming men and women were created to marry, unless God gives gift not to. 1Cor. 7
 2. Women with time on their hands without Biblical priorities create problems for themselves and others. vs. 13-14
* Key verses for divine role.
 - a. On the negative. vs. 13
 - 1) They learn to be idol.
 - 2) Wonder about from house to house.
 - 3) Becoming gossips and busybodies, speaking things they ought not.
 - b. On the positive. vs. 14
 - 1) They are to marry.
 - 2) They are to bare children.
 - 3) They are to manage the home
“oikodespoteo” from oikodespotes.
 - a)) The word means a head of family in the sense of guiding and managing the household affairs.

- b)) In other words, housekeeping. Matt. 10:25; 20.1; 21:33
- c)) A mother at home can be doing a worse job than a working mother,
- 4) They are to do this in order to not give an opportunity to the enemy to speak reproachfully.
- c. Women were disobeying the rule for church order, “For some have already turned aside after Satan.” vs. 15

C. The council of Paul to Titus. Titus 2:1-5

1. Paul identifies all as proper and sound doctrine. vs. 1
2. The older women are to teach by word and deed. vs. 2-3
 - a. The men are addressed first. vs. 2
 - b. Then the women are to be all that was stated to the men, plus reverent in behavior not slanderers, not given to much wine and teachers of good things. vs. 3
3. The things the older wives are to teach the younger by admonishment. vs. 4-5
 - a. To love their husbands “philandros”, a man lover, her husband. vs. 4a
 - b. To love her children. vs. 4b
 - c. To be discreet means self-control, moderate as to opinion or passion. vs. 5a
 - * By her lifestyle to live as a godly married woman, not joined to her

- single and unbelieving friends, to influence her for evil. 1Pet. 3:1-6
- d. To be chaste meaning innocent, modest, clean and pure. vs. 5b
- e. To be homemakers. vs. 5c
 - * The Old Kings James Version translated it “Keeper at home”.
 - 1) The word is made up of two words appearing only this one time in the New Testament.
 - a) The first word is “oik” meaning dwelling or house.
 - b) The second word “Ourgous” means to guard or keeper.
 - 2) Commonly in good classical Greek “oikourgous” it is translated “a stayer at home”.
- f. To be good, meaning kind. vs. 5d
- g. To be obedient “hupotasso”, meaning submissive to their on husbands. vs. 5e
- h. The reason given that the word of God be not blasphemed. vs. 5f

Illustration

A MAN WAS COMPLAINING TO GOD

Oh Lord, please have mercy on me, I work so hard, while my wife stays at home, I would give anything if you would grant me one wish “switch me into my wife” she’s got it easy at home I want to teach her a lesson of how tough a man’s life is.

As God was listening he felt sorry for this soul and granted his wish. Next morning the “new woman” wakes up at dawn, makes lunch boxes, prepares breakfast, wakes up the kids for school, puts a load of clothes in the washer, takes the meat out of the freezer, drives the kids to school, on his way back stop at the gas station, cashes a check, pays the electricity and phone bills, picks up some clothes from the cleaners, quickly goes to the market. It was 1:00 P.M. already, he made the beds, took the clothes out of the washer and put another load in, he vacuumed the house, made some rice, went to pick up the kids from school had an argument with the kids. As soon as he got home he fed the kids, washed the dirty dishes, he hung the damp clothes he had washed on the chairs because it was raining outside. He helped the kids with their homework, watched some TV while he ironed some clothes, prepared dinner, he gave the kids a bath and put them to sleep. At 9:00 P.M. he was so tired he went to bed. Of course there was some more duties and somehow he managed to get them done and finally fell asleep. The next morning he prays to God once again: Oh Lord, what was I thinking when I asked you to grant my wish, I can’t take it anymore. I beg you please switch me back to myself, please oh please. Then he heard God’s voice speaking to him, saying: Dear son of course I’ll switch you back into yourself but there’s one minor detail, you will have to wait 9 months because last night you got pregnant.

Application

1. The world paints a very bleak and boring picture when it comes to being a wife and mother, while producing far worst wives and mothers.
 - a. The world lowers your conscience by giving you “Mafia Wives”, “Basketball Wives”, etc.
 - b. The “Kadashians”, or “Girls gone wild”.
2. The married woman who stays home on the other hand can pollute herself by getting caught up with the soap operas, the magazines she reads, the advice of ungodly women, garbage in garbage out!
* “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.” Prov. 23:7
3. I also understand some of you have to work as single mothers or those with a working husband, so both of you have to see how you are going to plug up the holes in your home to meet the needs of your kids.
 - a. If you are a working mother with a working husband, both of you need to prioritize your real needs versus your wants and work towards having you stay home with your kids.
 - b. In Christ are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Col. 2:3
4. The problems of children and teens today are often because no one is home to supervise, correct, discipline and teach, providing a family model.
 - a. Of the eighteen years your child live, they will sleep one-third of the time, one more third will be spent in some form of institution, preferably not correctional, but educational, leaving one third, six years. Out of those six years two to three years they are toddlers, so you really only

have about three years with your child. It is hard to influence your child if you are working?

- b. If you work, you spend 4,000 hour with your child, if you stay home you put 40,000 hours into your child, this is birth to eighteen.
- c. Someone else is putting 36,000 hours, molding and shaping your child into them.

5. The pattern of the Scriptures is for a married woman to stay home caring for her husband and children for the honor of God and social stability.

* In fact the law early on in the 20th century especially by Roosevelt were enacted so that mothers who were widows or had no husbands could stay home to care and raise their children, having a high view of the woman, children and marriage! In 1931 about 140 thousand families were receiving mothers' aid grants, but only 55 recipients in the entire country were unmarried. Unmarried mothers and divorced mothers were excluded with few exceptions, the framers of the mothers' pension laws made it quite clear that their primary concern was to support traditional families when those families suffered financial difficulties from the loss of the husband's income. (There's No Place Like Work, Brian C. Robertson, P.P. 47)

6. The church is being disobedient in marriage and it is bringing much hurt and destruction to their families that cannot be undone or redone!

The parallel passages regarding marriage are in complete harmony!

III. The present day problems in families.

- A. The problem is long coming.
 - 1. The last 80 years women have entered the largest number of work force.
 - 2. World War II 1940 women became the work force by necessity.
 - 3. In the 80's, 84% of all new jobs are taken by women.
 - 4. Seven of ten women worked to support the family and survive in the 80's.
 - 5. 63% of couples brought a home with two incomes and has grown since the 80's.
 - 6. Ten million women were sole supporters in the 80's.
 - 7. 1981 7% of America lived under the fathers provisions, as the bread winner, while 40 million women worked, six million with children
 - 8. There were 6 million step children in the U.S.A. in 1986.
 - 9. By 1996 the 50% mark of all new businesses was projected to be attributed to women, before it was one of three.
 - * All of this provided the double buying power, which caused homes to skyrocketed, but it was a false economy, only to crash at the end of 2008-09.
- B. The victims and casualties are children.
 - * U.S. News and World Report Nov. 7, 1988 listed the one day statistics in the U.S.A.

1. 2,753 teenagers got pregnant.
2. 1,099 teenagers had abortions.
3. 367 teenagers miscarried.
4. 1,287 teenagers gave birth.
5. 666 babies were born to girls who had inadequate parental care.
6. 9 children died from shotgun wounds.
7. 5 teenagers committed suicide.
8. 609 teenagers got gonorrhea or syphilis.
9. 988 children were abused.
10. 3,288 children ran away from home.
11. 49,322 children were in public juvenile correctional facilities.
12. 2,269 illegitimate children were born.
13. 2,989 kids saw their parents divorce.
14. All these figures are the events of one day in the U.S.A.
15. Can you tell me mothers are better off at work? That children need mentors, rather than parents?

C. The reality of Nineties.

1. 55% of the children were raised by working mothers.
2. Child care was a national scandal, some needed 2 to 3 different arrangements a day.
3. There were 7 to 10 million latch-key children in U.S.
* Unsupervised cable T.V.
4. By 1990's more people lived in a second marriage than first marriages.

5. James Alan the criminal justice professor at Northeastern University in Boston, commenting on the Justice Department 1995 comprehensive juvenile crime, revealed that murder rate for youngsters 14-17 had increased 165 percent from 1985-1995. (Saving Childhood:141)
 - a. "Better is little with the fear of the Lord than great treasure and trouble therewith." Prov. 15:16
 - b. God's role for the woman is for family protection and social stability!

D. The nightmare of the 2000's.

1. The indoctrination of children by the Public School system.
2. The undermining and removing of parental authority and rights towards their children by law and legal policy.
3. The redefining of marriage, as one woman and one man, to further confuse and recruit young people to the homosexual life-style, for the ultimate destruction of our society.

Illustration

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper - not a homemaker.

If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness not godliness.

Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh.
Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly
cleaned window.

Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the
spilled milk.

Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys.

Love is present through the trials.

Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive.

Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler,
runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth
walk into adulthood.

Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a
child's heart.

Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of
perfection.

Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.

As a mother, there is much I must teach my child,
but the greatest of all is love.

Application

1. The pain of obedience is nothing compared to the
pain of disobedience throughout life. 1Sam. 15:22

- a. If a woman does not have to work, but chooses
to work, she will know how big a mistake she
made in the future, at times even by the mouth
of her own children.
- b. In the sowing and reaping, living with regrets in
your marriage and the raising of your children!

c. Any attempt to justify oneself is greater sin, it is
best to confess, trust and live in God's grace!

2. The Christian woman is not to be thought as some
spineless, voiceless person who submits without
thought or discretion, but one of incredible strength
and character that does not hesitate to confront her
husband in his accountability.

- a. To call him out, if he wants her to work at the
expense of their children.
- b. To deny the temptation of settling for finances,
instead of faithfulness.
- c. Most people install house-alarms because no
one is home, neighborhoods are ghost towns.

3. The professionals and courts now can order you to
parent classes.

- a. We are free to make the choice, but we are not
free to escape the consequences!
- b. I have found that those individuals who are
always demanding their rights to exercise their
freedoms in Christ end up in bondage!
- c. The problems experienced by our children
today are adult incurred because we have
bought into the agenda and philosophy of the
world, living for self and not being accountable
to God!
- d. On January of 2012 California schools began to
indoctrinate every child that the homosexual
life-style is normal from K through 12th grade.
Jerry Brown

* All children in public school are going to
believe and live this philosophy and they are

going to share it with your children, they will initiate and tempt them to cross the line.

4. You can be the godliest parents and obedient to God and have children of the devil.
 - a. But if they stray, I hope it is not due to your disobedience to Jesus, compromise or bad example.
 - b. We obey the Lord because He commands us and we love Him, not just because we want our children to walk with God.
- * “Let your father and your **mother** be glad,
And let her who bore you rejoice.” Prov.
23:25

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Conclusion

This is God's role for the woman, in marriage

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