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God's Role For Men, Pt. 2
Eph. 5:31-33, #7

A couple named Harry and Harriet were married and he put her through much stress and she died and when she got to the gates of heaven Peter said to her, "Alright all you have to do is spell a word", love. She responded L O V E, good come on in. Peter then asked her to watch the gate for a minute and if anyone came to ask then to spell the word love. So Harry showed up and he sees Harriet and tells her how he recognized his wrong after her death and that he died of a broken heart. She responded, it's O.K. all you have to do is spell one word and you are in, He said, "What is the word? She responded Czechoslovakia".

* This is not exactly being loving and one in marriage, according to the Bible!

Paul has commanded the man to love his wife in verses twenty-five to thirty, which is to be:

1. Sacrificing, as Christ for the church.
2. Sanctifying, as Christ for the church.
3. Satisfying, as Christ for the church.

Now the man is commanded to be one with his wife by his potential is "in Christ" through his personal relation to Christ that carries over to his wife, as the reflection of his love for Christ.

* It is a contradiction for a man to say he loves Christ and not love his wife, in fact hypocritical, the vertical is the source that affects the horizontal relations!

No other relationship can make you one like marriage, for marriage reveals reality, designed and ordained by God.

1. When we are dating we are not one, though we may have many things in common and in likeness.
2. When we date we do not live in reality for we see each other at our best.
3. She is always looking her best, you do not see her in the preparation stage without eyelashes or make-up.
4. He is always happy and fun to be around, you do not see him at his worst.
5. Marriage on the other hand is reality, you get to see each other at our worst and best of times.

Paul commands the man to be one with his wife from three points of reference. Eph. 5:31-33

- I. The plan of God for man in the institution of marriage. vs. 31
 - II. The parallel teaching of oneness in marriage. vs. 32
 - III. The principle of mutual submission in marriage. vs. 33
- I. **The plan of God for man in the institution of marriage. vs. 31**
 - A. Marriage is to be attributed to God, not man, "For this reason." vs. 31a

1. God declared these word 4,000 years before Paul quotes them. Gen. 2:24
 - a. As God created Adam and Eve.
 - b. Male and female for marriage.
 2. God said it was not good for man to be alone and that He would make a help-meet for him. Gen. 2:18
 - a. One to complete or complement him.
 - b. One to be his counter-part.
 - c. One to be his companion.
 3. God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept. Gen. 2:21-22
 - a. God then took one of the ribs of Adam and closed the flesh.
 - b. God made the woman from the curbed side of Adam, flesh, bone and blood.
 4. God brought Eve to Adam. Gen. 2:23
 - a. Adam said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh”.
 - b. Adam said, “She shall be called woman for she was taken out of man”.
 - 1) This truth has never changed.
 - 2) Marriage is God ordained for companionship, complementing value, cohabitating and community!
- B.** Marriage involves the man taking his headship role, “a man shall leave his Father and mother.” vs. 31a

1. This is the directive to the man implying a severing of authority held by parents over a son to establish a new home unit.
 - a. The word to leave “kataleipo”, means to leave behind, to depart from.
 - b. While being single, one is under the authority of one’s parents, being responsible and accountable to them.
 - 1) If your parents tell you to do your chores you are to do them.
 - 2) If they discipline or restrict you, it is due to being subject to their authority.
 - * But once married, this authority is broken!
 - 3) If you want to go on vacations with a friend, you need permission.
 - 4) If you stayed out all night without calling, you would be confronted.
 - * Once married this is not valid!
 - c. The meaning therefore deals with the severing of several things and establishing new authority.
 - 1) The authority once held by parents over son or daughter.
 - 2) The dependency on parents for stability by the son or daughter, as part of the immediate family.
 - 3) The establishing of a new home and authority
 - 4) The dependency on a new stability.

2. What the command does not mean is equally important.

- a. The command does not mean the individual's relationship to parents ceases, you are always a son or daughter.
- b. The command does not mean a neglect of family responsibility, if some need arises.
- c. The command does not mean they disrespect or dishonor their parents.
- d. The command does not mean to abandon their parents.

* The promise of long life is to a child who honors his parents. Eph. 6:2-3

- e. The command was given when Adam and Eve had no father or mother.
 - 1) Declaring marriage to be the standard for man.
 - 2) Declaring marriage to be during the existence of man.
 - 3) Jesus affirmed this leaving speaking about divorce. Matt. 19:5

C. Marriage involves cleaving to his wife "and be joined to his wife." vs. 31a

- 1. The word joined "proskollao", means to glue upon, to glue to, cleave or stick to.
 - a. Of the four times it appears in the New Testament, three refer to the Genesis passage.
 - b. The word indicates the joining of two pieces of wood with glue and any attempt

to separate them will result in a splintering and marring of the two, not a clean separation.

* "What God has joint together, let no man put asunder." Matt. 19:6

- c. There is never a clean brake in divorce, there are splinters from the one to the other, regardless of what the psychologist or sociologist say, it marks you for life!
 - d. Our children are given to us on a loan by God, they will leave one day, but not our mates, they are with us for life.
2. The implication being several.
- a. The leaving of parents is replaced by the gluing to the wife or husband.
 - b. The gluing to a wife or husband is the closest and most binding of all relationships one will ever experience.
 - 1) It surpasses the father-daughter or son relationship.
 - 2) It surpasses the Mother-daughter or son relationship.
 - 3) It will surpass any boyfriend or girl-friend relationship.
 - c. The gluing clearly indicates binding till death for community influence.
3. A wife is brought to the man by God and she never leaves his home, as a Christian.
- * At times people become believers after marriage, having a divided home!

- a. Ladies make sure you know the man you are thinking of cleaving to.
 - b. Ladies listen to your parents, they see what you don't want to see in the man.
 - c. Ladies, looks are not everything nor money.
 - d. Tragically one day you will roll over in bed and realize you married a mere face or body!
 - 1) Marriage is God ordained for community influence, not necessarily to be happy, true happiness is a by-product!
 - 2) There is only one thing worse than not being married, being married and wishing you weren't!
- D.** Marriage involves becoming one, "and the two shall become one flesh." vs. 31b
- 1. One in Christ sharing everything together.
 - 2. The joys, sorrows, hurts and cares together.
 - 3. The thoughts, ideas, fears and disappointments together.
 - 4. A oneness the man is committed to even when things aren't going right, never considering leaving his wife!
 - a. The world teaches people to be quitters under the guise of looking out for themselves, loving oneself first.
 - b. Too often people marry with an ideal view that is nowhere close to reality.

- 1) They see the person as the perfect one, not take time to know them under various situations and circumstances that would reveal their character, who they really are under the superficial social person.
 - 2) The woman marries this knight in shining armor and quickly finds out some of his armor is dented and not so shiny.
 - 3) The man marries the woman and places this unrealistic perception of her and then finds out that she is an angel, but a fallen one.
- c. This leads to a shocking blow to the person's pride and ego, leading to disappointment, manifested in anger, vengeance, being un-Christ-like.
- * It is unfair to place such an ideal and expect a person to live up to it, yet never considering their own lack of ideal for the other person!
5. We are to be one sexually, sharing and enjoying each other without guilt, shame or reservations.
- a. Physical touch is not only permitted by God, but commanded.
 - 1) There is no need to restrain oneself sexually towards one's spouse.
 - 2) There is no need to hide or be afraid someone is going to walk in on you.

- 3) There is no need to feel guilty or ashamed, but are to enjoy one another as God always intended.
- b. There is no need to manipulate each other emotionally to get one's way.
 - 1) Men are the guiltiest in this area regarding women and their wives.
 - 2) Men know women respond to what they says, so men often say they love a woman, to get sex and the woman will give sex to get love.
 - 3) Who is the deceiver and dishonest person?
 - 4) God made the woman more emotional, more compassionate, merciful and loving, therefore she is the one who usually is taken advantage of and pays the bigger price in life!
 - 5) A Christ-like husband does not manipulate his wife emotionally to get his way and abusing her, it is not Christ-like!
- c. There is no need to think that there is a spiritual violation in sexual oneness in marriage, cohabitation is included.
 - 1) Paul told the Corinthians that whoever joined themselves to a harlot was making themselves one body and **one spirit** joining Christ to the harlot. 1Cor. 6:16-17

- 2) Paul says fornication is the only sin against one's own body. 1Cor. 6:18
- 3) God declared regarding Adam and Eve that they were both naked, the man and his wife and they were not ashamed. Gen. 2:25
- 4) Sex was not the result of the curse, but ordained before the fall that brought the curse and the corruption of sex.
- 5) If you look down on sex and do not enjoy it in marriage something is wrong for God has blessed it!
* Marriage is God ordained for sexual contentment and to conceive children!

Illustration

Have you ever heard the oneness of a symphony, seen the oneness of a military graduation, the oneness of a team, it happens with imperfect people.

Application

1. There are many other forms of relationships practiced that profess oneness between men and women, but only marriage make the two one.
 - a. People live together in fornication and raised families without ever getting married, but it is based on selfishness and immorality, not a commitment for life, undermining marriage and family!

- b. This is nothing new, the woman of Samaria admitted to Jesus she had five previous husbands and was living with a man. Jn. 4
 - c. Paul told the Corinthians that it was good for every man to have his own wife, so that there be no sexual immorality. 1Cor. 7:1-2
* If you get married for sex, you will be in trouble!
 - d. In the sixties people would say that it was a mere piece of paper, what was the big deal?
 - 1) The big deal is commitment for life.
 - 2) The big deal is stability
 - 3) The big deal is dependency that can be counted on.
* The greatest extreme of progressive corruption from the 60's to now is in women, on every level!
* "This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness." Eph. 5:17-19
2. The severing of parents authority must be complete at marriage or problems will come into the marriage, especially in oneness.

- a. Creating conflict of authority.
 - b. Creating conflict of interest.
 - c. Creating distance between both mates.
 - d. The joining is in the bond of matrimony resulting in oneness.
 - e. Oneness in Christ does not mean perfection
 - f. Oneness in Christ means you are committed to Christ and trust Him for working out the problems in marriage, they do not go away.
* "The LORD has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant."
Mal. 2:14c-e
3. The sexual oneness of husband and wife as they become one flesh is precious and personal for the two and no one else.
- a. For no one else's eyes or ears, entrusting each other wholeheartedly.
 - b. For no one else's partaking, being a most sacred and honorable intimate way a person can be known by their mate alone.
 - c. For as often as both desire by mutual consent, not denying one another, except by consent.
 - d. For having children, a perfect combination of the two into one.
 - e. For strengthening the bond of the marriage.
* "But did He not make *them* one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal

treacherously with the wife of his youth.”

Mal. 2:15

- * Malachi is the last prophet that closes the Old Testament, our text is from Genesis, the first book of the Bible, the original covenant of marriage 4.000 years after is still being violated!

The plan of God for man in the institution of marriage is to bring about oneness!

II. The parallel teaching of oneness in marriage. vs. 32

- * “This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.”
- A. The oneness of Christ and the church are used to illustrate the oneness of husband and wife.
 1. Christ is the head of the church, so the husband the **head** of the wife. vs. 23
 - a. His headship is to provide, purify and protect.
 - b. His dying to self provides evidence of his love.
 2. The church is subject to Christ, so the wife to the husband. vs. 24
 - a. Her subjection is seeing him as a type of Christ.
 - b. Her submission is evidence of her love.
 3. Christ’s love is for the church, so the practice of the husband to his wife. vs. 25
 - a. His love is selfless.

- b. His love is sufficient.
 - c. His love is satisfying.
 4. Christ nourishes and cherishes the church, so the husband to his wife. vs. 29
 - a. He is the high priest of the home.
 - b. He is to instruct the word to his wife and children.
 - c. He is to pray for and with his wife and children.
 - d. He is to attend church with his family.
- B. The oneness of husband and wife is called a mystery.
1. The phrase great mystery has two words, “mega musterion”.
 - a. The first word “maga” indicate lare in number of quality.
 - * We say he has “mega bucks”.
 - b. The second comes from the root word which means to shut the mouth and was used of the mystery religions and their secret rites.
 - * This secret knowledge initiated the person into the secret cult.
 2. The great mystery of the oneness in our text is of a husband and wife in marriage and is revealed to be possible only “in Christ”.
 - a. The wife the helper to complete her husband by submitting to him in everything by depending on Christ personally. Eph. 5:24

- b. The husband being head of the home and loving his wife by depending on Christ personally. Eph. 5:25
- 3. The word mystery is also used in the New Testament for the gospel of Christ.
 - a. Not as another mystery secret cult but as the salvation of Jew and Gentile that was previously hidden in the past ages in it's full revelation, but now fully revealed to the saints "in Christ."
 - b. This fully revealed knowledge among the Gentiles was Christ in man the hope of glory. Rom. 16:26; Col. 1:26
- 4. The mystery is a double analogy Christ to His church and the husband to his wife.
 - a. The mystery of marriage is not hidden from the saint, it is fully revealed in the Scriptures, we have no excuse!
 - b. The potential source and example is Christ, so the husband is to depend on Him.
 - c. The personal application is to be by the husband and wife according to their Divine roles and design.
 - d. The possible obedience is by the new nature, despite both their sin-natures, not perfection for their oneness. 2Pet. 1:3-4

Illustration

The difficulties of leaving a marriage is beautifully illustrated.

Dear Dave Tech Support Request,

Last year I up graded Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 and noticed that the new program began unexpected child processing that took up a lot of space and valuable resources. No mention of this phenomenon was included in the product brochure.

In addition, Wife 1.0 installs itself into all other programs that launch during system initialization and then proceeds to monitor all other system activity. Applications such as Poker night 10.3 and Beer bash 2.5 are no longer able to run, crashing the system whenever selected. I cannot seem to purge Wife 1.0 from my system. I am thinking about going back to Girlfriend 1.0 but there seems to be no un-install option included with Wife 1.0.

In fact Wife 1.0 warns of heavy financial penalties if I attempt to go around the agreement. Can you help me? Jonathan Powell

Dear Jonathan,

This is a very common problem men complain about but is mostly due to a primary misconception. Many people upgrade from Girlfriend 1.0 to Wife 1.0 with the idea that Wife 1.0 is merely a "UTILITIES & ENTERTAINMENT" program. Wife 1.0 is actually an all-powerful OPERATING SYSTEM, designed by its creator to run everything. It is impossible to un-install, delete, purge the program from the system once installed. You cannot go back to Girlfriend 1.0 because Wife 1.0 is not designed to do this. Many have tried to pursue a Girlfriend 2.0 or Wife 2.0 but end up with more problems than original system. I

recommend you keep Wife 1.0 and deal with current situation. Look in your manual under Warnings - Alimony / Child Support.

Having Wife 1.0 installed myself, I might also suggest you read the entire section regarding General Protection Faults (GPFs). You must assume all responsibility for faults and problems that might occur. The best course of action is to push the apologize button immediately and then reset as soon as a lock-up occurs. System will run much smoother as long as you take all the blame for the GPFs. Wife 1.0 is a great program with a lot of nice features, but it comes with very high maintenance costs.

Application

1. Marriage a mystery revealed to the believer by personal experience of oneness despite sin nature.

- a. The man knows first hand he is insufficient for the success of his marriage, it is Christ. Rom. 3:23
- b. The man knows his evil heart is ever present with him, also the grace of God that keeps pressing him towards the mark. Jer. 17:9
- c. The man knows by personal experience the joy and incredible privilege of loving a woman whole-heartedly and being loved by her.
 - * “Adam said, This is now bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh.” Gen. 2:23a-b

2. Despite of differences and opposite personalities that contrast, but often attract.

- a. One of you is a Tasmanian devil behind the wheel, the other is poky
 - b. One of you is messy the other Mr. or Mrs. Clean.
 - c. God uses these opposites to conform you into the image of Christ, not to the image of each other.
 - d. This takes a constant abiding in Christ by the mystery of Christ and the church.
 - * Paul having exhorted to put on the mind of a servant, after the example of Christ said, “Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.” Phil. 2:12-13
3. The parallels are unmistakable.
- a. The church was made for Christ, so the woman for the man.
 - b. The church came out of Christ, so the woman came from the man.
 - c. The church as individuals leave their father and mother, their evil life-style and cleave to Christ, so the wife cleaves to her husband.
 - d. The church regardless of her past is exalted, honored and is privileged to share in the glory of Christ, so the woman is honored and shares in her husbands glory or reputation.
 - * If a man marries a woman with a lower position she is excepted and exalted to the

man's position, but the reverse is never quite excepted, even in our decayed society!

- e. The church takes the name of Christ "Christians", so the woman takes the man's name.
 - * The church is the fullness of Christ, so is the woman the fullness of man. Eph. 1:22-23

The parallel teaching of oneness in marriage is Christ and His church!

III. The principle of mutual submission in marriage. vs. 33

- A. The husband submits to his wife by loving her, "Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself." vs. 33a
 - 1. The word nevertheless "plane" unfolds and expands on how to fulfill the mystery of oneness previously stated in verse thirty-two.
 - a. The husband submits to his wife by loving her.
 - b. The husband by loving his wife experiences first hand the mystery of oneness with his wife as Christ with His church.
 - 2. The command is to "each one of you", every husband is to love in particular his own wife as himself.

- a. The command is after the sinful practice of the man of loving himself and his physical body. vs. 28
 - * Paul takes a negative sinful principle and commands it on the positive towards his wife
- b. The common sense wisdom is that his wife will respond to his initiation of loving her as Christ loves the church.
 - * He will either reap to his obedience or disobedience, though there are exceptions by a rebellious mate.
- c. The husband is to love his wife with the divine love that is sourced in Christ "agapao".
 - 1) He loves her not because she submits, but because God commands it so and he obeys!
 - 2) He is brought to the end of himself by dying to self and living to God through Christ.
 - 3) He is loving unconditionally in obedience to Christ, while holding her accountable to Scripture, but not beating her with the Scriptures.
- B. The wife is to respect her husband, "and let the wife see that she respects her husband." vs. 33b
 - 1. The word respect "phobeo", means to fear or to be struck with amazement.

- a. The exact same word is found in verse 21 of believers to each other in the “fear of God”.
 - b. The command is in view that he is her head, a type of Christ, recognizing the high position, as God given.
2. The common sense wisdom is that her husband will respond to her attitude and perception of him as her head, as the church to Christ.
- a. The wife submits not because her husband is loving her, but because God commands her so!
 - b. She is brought to the end of herself by dying to self and living for God, through Christ.
 - c. Her submission to her own husband is as unto the Lord. vs. 22
 - d. Her submission is evidence that she is a daughter of Sarah. 1Pet. 3:6
* Recognizing his God appointed role and positions!
 - e. She is loving him unconditionally in obedience to Christ, while holding him accountable to Scripture, but not beating him with the Scriptures.

Illustration

Oneness does not do away with our difference. One night a wife found her husband standing over their infant’s crib. As she watched him looking down at

their first baby, she saw on his face a mixture of emotions” disbelief, doubt, delight, amazement, enchantment, skepticism. Touched by this unusual display and the deep emotions it aroused, with eyes glistening she slipped her arm around her husband. “A penny for your thoughts,” she said, “It’s amazing”! he replied. “I just can’t see how anybody can make a crib like that for only \$46.50.” We do not think the same!

Application

1. Oneness should be an outgrowth of my oneness with Jesus Christ putting on the mind of Christ.
Phil. 2:3-8
 - a. If Jesus humbled Himself to be one with us, who are sinful, how much more should we do so with each other!
 - b. Jesus said, “I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you”. Jn. 13:15
2. Oneness is with your own wife, not other women.
1Cor. 7:2
 - a. So pay heed to the checks by the Holy Spirit.
 - b. Do not become too familiar with other woman in speech or physical touch.
 - c. It is amazing what protection there is in good old common, God-fearing sense!
 - d. Do not think that you can not fall, it is deceptive pride. 1Cor. 10:13
3. Oneness as God intended is possible, only if you are equally yoked. 2Cor. 6:14
 - a. Tragically some, even many have settled for much less than God intends for them in

marriage by carnal compromise and disobedience.

- b. Other agree to walk with Christ, but are dishonest, being treacherous to their mates.
 - c. The test of oneness is taken every day, as I trust Christ to die to self, in order to bless and enjoy my wife! Rom. 6:6, 11; Gal. 2:20
4. If you are contemplating marriage and you see obvious red flags, do not enter marriage. Amos 3:3
- a. If the woman you are dating or engaged to is not a spiritual woman, do not marry her!
 - b. You can always say “I do”, but you can not always say “I don’t want to be married”.
 - c. When you say “I do” you are not taking an angel home but “flesh and blood” and you will soon find it out.
 - d. Marriage is the most glorious gift of God to man and woman, if it is done God’s way, otherwise it can be a living hell!
* “Rejoice with the wife of your youth.” Prov. 5:18b

The principle of oneness is mutual submission in marriage to be one!

Conclusion

Paul’s commanded to the man to be one with his wife from three points of reference.

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- III. The principle of oneness is mutual submission in marriage to be one!

Conversation between God and Adam about Eve.
 “Why did You make her so pretty? So you would look at her!”
 ‘Why did You make her so soft? So you would touch her!’
 “But God why did you make her so dumb? So she would like you!”
 * The key to being one is Christ, not the man or woman, money or success!