

Husbands

1. Husband rules or has dominion over his wife.

Ge 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Ro 7:2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

But see the virtuous woman (Proverbs 31) to see how light the hand of that rule can be. Also see the verse below.

Pr 12:4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

2. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loves the Church.

Eph. 5:21-33

21 ¶ Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Col. 3:18-19

18 ¶ Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.
19 Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

3. Bishops and Deacons (as Examples to Believers). See I Timothy 3, Titus 1.

4. Husbands are to teach their wives.

1Co 14:35 And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

See also teaching on Fatherhood relating to Husband's responsibility to teach his children the ways of the Lord.

5. Unbelieving Spouse.

a. Christians should not marry Unbelievers.

2Co 6:14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

b. Divided Marriages.

I Cor. 7:12-16

12 But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

13 And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy.

15 But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace.

16 For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?

6. Struggles of Married Persons vs. Unmarried

I Cor. 7:32-33.

32 But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord:

33 But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife.

7. Biblical Examples of Husbands and Wives

- a. Samson's mom & dad (Judges 13)
- b. Hannah and her husband (1 Samuel 1)
- c. Abraham and Sarah (Gen. 12, 16, 18 & 20-21)
- d. Compare Abigail with Nabal (1 Samuel 25) against Sapphira with Ananias. Acts 5:1-11.
- e. The Shunemite woman who built Elisha a room. II Kings 4:8-37.
- f. Jacob and his 4 wives (Gen. 29-31)
- g. Virtuous woman (Proverbs 31)

Note how many of the married women considered themselves handmaidens to the Men of God that had established.