

Manhood & Womanhood Recap

Summary talking points:

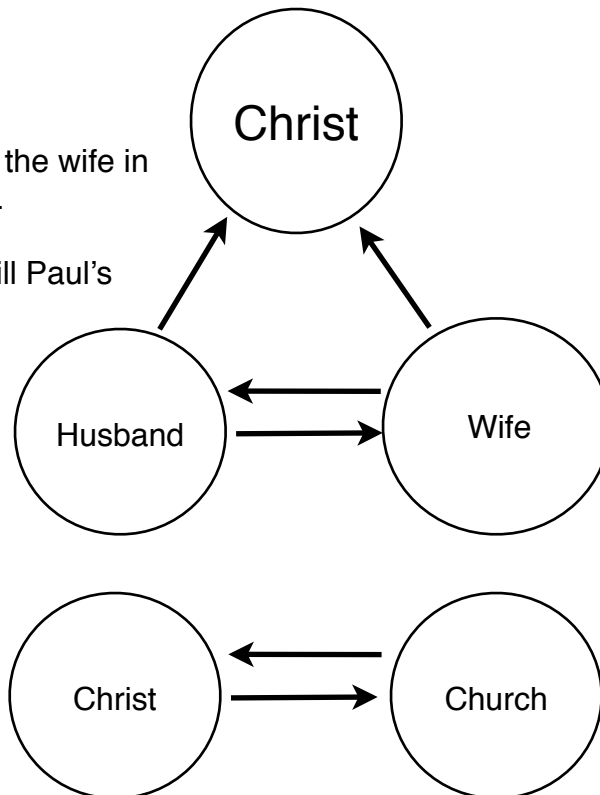
- All spiritual gifts mentioned in the New Testament are dispersed to both men and women, including the gift of teaching. The Pastorate is an office or a calling set aside for spiritual men.
- From the Creation account in Genesis - we learn that:
 - God created man and woman, both of equal value, both of equal personhood, both made in God's image, both equally valuable in God's eyes.
 - Since God made Adam first and gave him authority over Eden, we think that God has ordained separate roles for men and for women. Both of which are designed to represent Christ to each other and to the world.
- The differences between men and women are not to create conflict between each other but are to compliment each other. Men and women are not at odds with each other. A man's weaknesses are meant to call forth a woman's strengths and a woman's weakness is meant to call forth man's strengths.
- Roles don't imply a specific script to follow in detail and once you understand them, then you'll know all about dishes and vacuuming, and check books and car repairs - no. Roles are an essential way of relating to each other that's not the same for a wife and husband.

What can we say about Husbands & Wives?

Model Paul gives to use in Ephesians 5

God has put both the husband and the wife in positions of their gender weakness.

The only way that we're able to fulfill Paul's model in Ephesians 5 is to for both Husband and Wife to be on bended knee and operate from the strength given by Christ, not on their own.



Headship and Submission:

- Headship is not the right to command or to control but it's the responsibility to love like Jesus. To lay down your life to your wife in servant leadership.
- Submission is not a slavish, coerced cowering here - that is not how Christ wants the Church to relate to Him. Christ did not come to save a daughter, He came to save a wife for Himself. He wants the church to be free, willing, glad.
- Headship and Submission are out of reverence to Christ (Eph 5) which means husbands/wives never put their spouse in the place of Christ. Which means that in marriage one spouse should never follow the other into sin.
- Submission does not mean surrendering independent thought, nor does it mean there's no influence over her husband.
- Must always remember that the main difference in the analogy of Christ: Church and Husband: Wife, is that men and women are fallible and Jesus isn't.
- Christ invites His Church into His counsel through prayer.
- "Let's" is the primary leadership word in a Christian relationship.

Implications for dating:

- 1) Initiate
- 2) Pursue
- 3) Protect

Ephesians 5:18–33

18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,
19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody to the Lord with your heart, 20 giving thanks always and for everything
to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 **submitting to one another
out of reverence for Christ.**

Wives and Husbands

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head
of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.
24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to
their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,
26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the
word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or
wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. 28 In the same
way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves
himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as
Christ does the church, 30 because we are members of his body. 31 "Therefore a man
shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become
one flesh." 32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the
church. 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see
that she respects her husband.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

QUESTION: According to this passage, what kinds of things ought a husband to provide for his wife?

Question: Does it matter who the “breadwinner” is in a Christian family? Is it the husband’s responsibility, the wife’s, or the responsibility of both equally?

Imagine the following scenario:

Two college friends—a man and a woman—are walking back to their dormitories one night after studying together in the library. As they walk through the campus, two men stumble toward them. They appear drunk. These two men start speaking and acting inappropriately toward the young woman.

QUESTION: Which of the following responses seems most natural and fitting? Why?

Response A: The woman speaks up for herself, directly confronting the two drunk men. When the two men become more aggressive, she defends herself and tells her male friend to run to safety.

Response B: The young man intervenes on behalf of his female friend and tells the drunk men to leave her alone. When the drunk men become more aggressive, he puts himself in between them and her and tells her to run to safety.