

# The Relationship between Husbands & Wives



I Pt. 3:1-7 READ

## **Genesis 2:18-25 (NKJV)**

<sup>18</sup> And the LORD God said, "*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*" .... <sup>21</sup> And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place.

<sup>22</sup> Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.... <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

# I. The Christian Wife is to be a Silent Sermon

Be An **EXAMPLE**

In **SPEECH**

In **CONDUCT**

In **LOVE**

In **FAITH**

In **PURITY**

1 Timothy 4:12

**Jesus warned us about this in Mt. 10:34 – 37, "Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to *'set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law';***

<sup>36</sup> and *'a man's enemies will be those of his own household.'* <sup>37</sup>

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

# Peter gives this advise to those first century wives:

1 Pt. 3:1 – 2, “Wives, likewise, *be* submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, <sup>2</sup> when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.”

**With this in mind consider the  
words of Paul on the subject in  
I Cor. 7:13 – 16,**

“And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. <sup>14</sup> For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy.



<sup>15</sup> But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such *cases*.

But God has called us to peace.

<sup>16</sup> For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save *your* husband?

Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save *your* wife?"

## II. The Christian Wife is to be a: Beautiful Wife

Peter is not talking about Physical  
but inner Spiritual beauty.

1 Pt. 3:3 – 4, “Do not let your adornment be  
*merely* outward--arranging the hair, wearing  
gold, or putting on *fine* apparel -- <sup>4</sup> rather *let it*  
*be* the hidden person of the heart, with the  
incorruptible *beauty* of a gentle and quiet spirit,  
which is very precious in the sight of God.”





**1 Peter 3:5-6**, “For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.”

# III. How about the Christian Husband

What is the Husbands  
role  
&  
responsibility within  
the home?

## Husbands

love your wives, just as Christ loved the church  
and gave himself up for her.



Ephesians 5:25



**LOVE YOUR**  
**WIFE**

JUST AS CHRIST LOVED THE CHURCH  
EPHESIANS 5:25

Love doesn't need to be perfect,  
it just needs to be true.



*He who finds a wife,  
Finds what is good  
And receives favor  
from the LORD.*

Proverbs 18:22

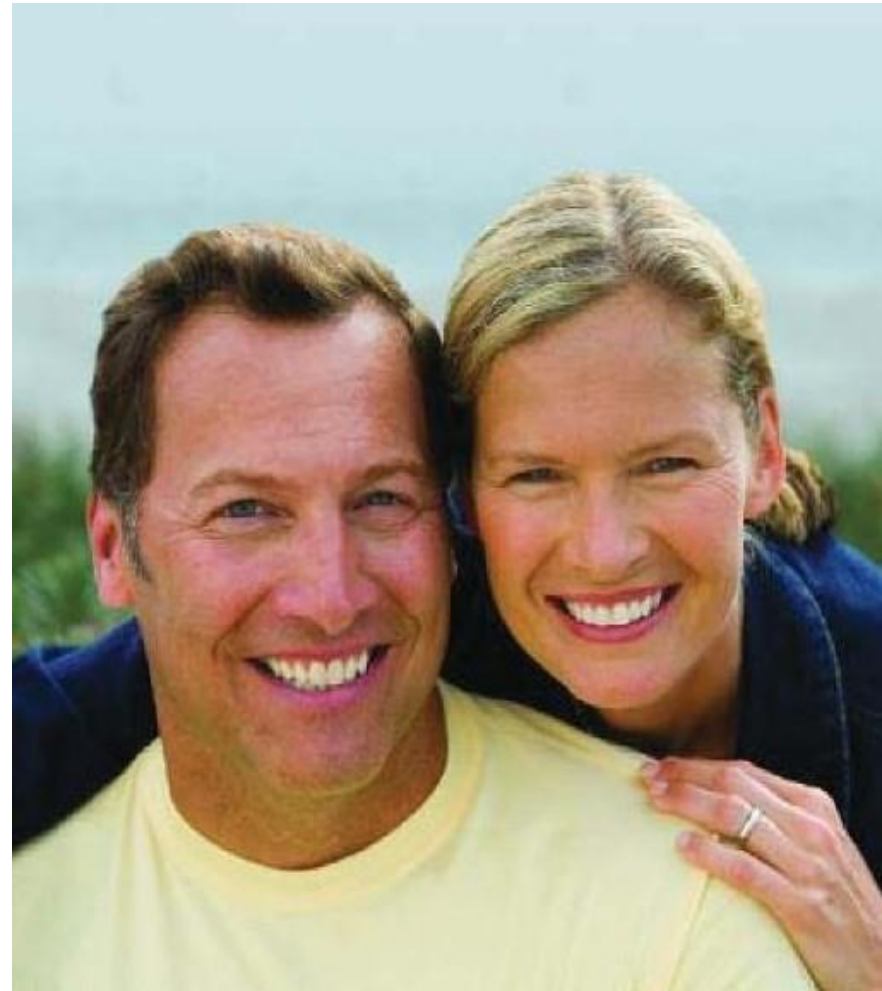


Husbands have a role & responsibility to provide an atmosphere of love & loyalty that the wife can be Submissive too.

**1 Pt 3:7**, “Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”



Christianity has  
changed the way  
people view &  
understand the  
marriage  
relationship.



Putting others first, is not the way of the world,  
but the way of God and those who belong to Him.



Christian marriages will work & be rewarding to both the Husband and the Wife, when they both submit to and obey God's will for their role in their relationship of marriage.

