

Man Up/Woman Up
Do you know your place?

Real men and real women are in short supply these days since the world looks at such as being old fashioned (*...strait is the gate... Mat 7:14*) and out of step with “political correctness”. But we are to “obey God rather than men” (*Acts 5:29*).

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help (*Heb.5828- aid*) meet for him (*Heb.5048- a front, that is, part opposite; specifically a counterpart, or mate*).

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made He a woman, and brought her unto the man.* **23** And Adam said, This *is* now **bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh**: she shall be called Woman, because **she was taken out of Man.** **24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**1Co 11:9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.*

- Which came first, the chicken or the egg (*the plant or the seed*)? Man was created first and from him God made woman.

Gen 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

When the Woman Forgot Her Place.

Gen 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and **did eat**, and **gave also unto her husband with** (*Heb.5973- with: - accompanying, beside*) **her**; and he did eat.

1Ti 2:13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **14** And Adam **was not deceived**, but the woman **being deceived** was in the **transgression.** **15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, **if** they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

- *The reference to woman being saved in childbearing is seen by Roberts to mean, "that childbearing is taken as the typical function of woman's place as wife, mother, and keeper of the home. That woman will be saved, **not by seeking man's place but by keeping her own place in God's scheme**, which may well be summed up by 'childbearing.'" This is only true **if** she continues to exhibit self-control, obedient faith toward God, love for God and her fellow man and generally remains set apart to God's service.*

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Gen 3:16 Unto the woman He said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow (*Heb.6093- worrisomeness, that is, labor or pain*) and thy conception (*Heb.2032- pregnancy*); in sorrow (*Heb.6089- a pang [of body]*) thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire (*Heb.8669- longing*) shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule (*Heb.4910- governor*) over thee.

When the Man Forgot His Place.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam He said, Because thou hast hearkened (*Heb.8085- to hear intelligently [often with the implication of attention, obedience, etc.; causatively to tell]*) unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed *is* the ground for thy sake; in sorrow (*Heb.6093*) shalt thou eat *of* it all the days of thy life;

- The word “hearken” gives the implication that **Eve told Adam**, didn’t ask him, to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree. She knew better (*Gen 3:3*)! Because **Adam** cowered to **Eve** in not obeying **God** first, he **didn’t protect her** but participated with her in sinning against the only law of the land. So he too was punished by having to work for their sustenance by the sweat of his brow. If they would only have followed **God’s** pattern for the relationship between the sexes...

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves (*Gk.5293- to subordinate; reflexively to obey: - submit self to*) unto your own (*Gk.2398- pertaining to self, that is, one’s own; by implication private or separate*) husbands, **as** (*Gk.5613- in that manner*) **unto the Lord.** 23 For the husband is the head (*Gk.2776- supreme, chief, prominent*) of the wife, **even as** Christ is the head of the church: **and** He **is the** saviour of the body (*Gk.4983- Thayer: of which spiritual body Christ is head, Who by the influence of His Spirit works in the church as the soul does in the body.*). 24 Therefore **as** the church is subject unto Christ, **so** let the wives be to their own husbands in everything (*Gk.3956- all, any, every, the whole*). (*Of course husbands are not to take advantage of this either!*)

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love (*Gk.25*) your wives, even **as** Christ also loved (*Gk.25*) the church, and gave Himself for it (*Gk.846- her*); (*Husbands are to love their wives to the point of dying for them! What wife wouldn’t submit herself to such a husband?!*) 26 That He might sanctify (*Gk.37- to make holy, that is, purify or consecrate; venerate [Webster: look upon with feelings of deep respect]*) and cleanse (*Gk.2511- purge*) it (*her*) with the washing (*Gk.3067- loo-tron’- a bath, that is, [figuratively] baptism*) of **water** (*notice he doesn’t say Holy Spirit here!*) by (*Gk.1722- through*) the word (*according to what the Bible teaches on baptism –Jn 3:5*), 27 That He might present (*Gk.3936- to stand beside, recommend*) it (*her*) to Himself a glorious (*Gk.1741- noble: -gorgeous [-ly]*) church (*1 Pet 3:3*)*, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it (*she*) should be holy (*Gk.40- sacred [physically pure, morally blameless or religious, ceremonially consecrated]{ set apart}: -saint*) and without blemish (*Gk.299- unblameable*). 28 **So** (*Gk.3779- in this way*) ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth (*Gk.25*) 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:

**Sometimes all it takes for an outwardly attractive woman to do to make herself disgustingly ugly is to open her mouth and reveal the true person from within.*

**Pro 31:26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. (The virtuous woman.)*

*Pro 31:30 Favour is deceitful, and **beauty is vain**: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.*

Eph 5:30 For we are members (*Gk.3196- a limb or part of the body*) of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. **31** For this cause shall a man leave (*Gk.2641- to leave down, that is, behind; by implication to abandon: -forsake*) his father and mother, and shall be joined (*Gk.4347- to glue to, that is, [figuratively] to adhere: -cleave*) unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh (*Gk.4561- as the means of kindred*). **32** This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- When we think of the relationship we have with family we think of our flesh and blood. When we marry, our spouses become our flesh and blood. As **Christians** we become part of **Christ's** body, flesh and bone which is spiritual and carries more weight than the physical. We cannot rely on our earthly family to get us to **Heaven**. The relationship between **Christ** and **His** church was decided in eternity before man and woman were ever created. It was for this purpose, ultimately, that the physical marital relationship was created to show the intimacy that was to exist between the **Lord** and **His** bride, the church.

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you (*husbands*) in particular so love (*Gk.25- to have preference for, wish well to, regard the welfare of*) his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence (*Gk.5399- to be in awe of*) her husband.

1Pe 3:1 Likewise (*Gk.3668- similarly*), ye wives, *be* in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word (*are not Christians*), they also may without the word be won by the conversation (*Gk.391- behavior*) of the wives; (*Could also be read "husbands love your wives in such a way that those who are not Christians could be won buy your behavior".*)

- Referring back to **1 Pet 2:18**, *speaking of the manner in which household servants were to obey their masters*, wives are to also submit themselves in like manner to their own husbands but by the true beauty they reveal from within.

1Pe 3:4 But *let it be* the hidden (*Gk.2927- concealed: -inward*) man (*Gk.444- [the countenance]; man faced, that is, human being*) of the heart (*Gk.2588- thoughts and feelings [mind]*), in that which is not corruptible (*Gk.862- undecaying [in essence {basic nature} or continuance]: -immoral*), even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit (*Gk.4151- mental disposition*), which is in the sight (*Gk.1799- presence*) of God of great price.

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with (*Gk.4924- to reside together [as a family]*) them according to knowledge (*Gk.1108- gno'-sis- knowing: -science {Webster: skill or technique}*), giving honour (*Gk.5092- value; esteem [especially of the highest degree], or dignity itself: -precious*) unto the wife, as unto the weaker (*Gk.772- From G1 [as a negative participle and the base of G4599] this just means she has less physical strength, normally, than her husband*) vessel (*Gk.4632- implement [specifically a wife as contributing to the usefulness of the husband] Pro 31:23*), and

as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers (*Gk.4335- prayer [worship]*) be not hindered (*Gk.1581- to cut off; figuratively to frustrate*).

- In the same manner that wives are to impress upon their husbands the idea of a gentle nature, the husband is to return such when it comes to his temperament and treatment of his wife. (*This requirement, to the husband and to the wife, would be difficult for those who are not humble to the word of God.*) The purpose for this is so that their spiritual lives are not to be found wanting. When they come together for worship they cannot have strife between them because it would only frustrate their worship toward God. **Aquila** (*A-quil'-a*) and **Priscilla** (*Pris'-cil-lah*) are a good example of a husband and wife who understood this point. Not only did they work side by side secularly (*they were tent makers as was Paul- Acts 18:1-3*) they were a team when it came to spiritual matters as well. They knew their places.

Act 18:24 And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus. *25* This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John. *26* And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when **Aquila and Priscilla** had heard, **they took him unto them**, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

Marriage

- The last book of the **Old Testament** gives an example in which we are told why husbands and wives are to honor their marriage vows.

Mal 2:12 The LORD will cut off the man that doeth this (*marry the daughter of a strange god -v.11*), the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the LORD of hosts. **13** And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that He regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth *it* with good will at your hand. **14** Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the LORD hath been **witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously** (*Heb.898- to act covertly: -deal deceitfully [unfaithfully], offend*): yet *is* she **thy companion**, and the **wife of thy covenant** (*Heb.1285- compact [Webster: agreement]*). (In this case “marriage vows”.)**15** And did not He make one? (*one flesh consisting of one husband and one wife- Gen 5:2**) Yet had He the residue of the spirit. (*God could have made many “Eves” for Adam but chose only one.*) And wherefore one? That He might seek (*Heb.1245- to search out: -get, procure*) a godly seed. (*Functional marriages have better chances of producing offspring that are devoted to holiness.*) Therefore take heed (*Heb.8104- to hedge about; protect*) to your spirit (*Heb.7307- life*), and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. **16** For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that He hateth **putting away** (*divorce*): for *one* covereth (*Heb.3680- hide*) violence (*Heb.2555- by implication wrong*) with (*Heb.5921- against*) his garment (*Heb.3830- by implication [euphemistically] a wife*), saith the LORD of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

*Gen 5:2 Male and female created He them; and blessed them, and called **their** name Adam (*Heb.121- The same as H120- mankind*), in the day when they were created. (*Eve was taken from Adam, she was part of him!*)

Mar 10:6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; 8 And they twain (*Gk.1417- "two": -both*) shall be one flesh (*Gk.4561- as the means of kindred*): so then they are no more twain, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath **joined together**, let not man put asunder (*Gk.5563- to place room between, that is, part: -separate*).

Our Places in The Church.

1Ti 2:8 I will therefore that **men** pray everywhere, lifting up (*Gk.1869- to raise up: -poise [Webster: ease and dignity of manner]*) holy (*Gk.3741- right, that is, hallowed*) hands, without wrath and doubting.

1Ti 2:11 Let the **woman** learn in silence (*Gk.2271- stillness, that is, desistance from bustle or language: -quietness*) with all subjection (*Gk.5292- subordination*). 12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to **usurp authority over** (*Gk.831- dominate*) the man, but to be in silence.

- In all things that pertain to the worship assembly men are to lead. His prayers are to be such that display his **Godly** lifestyle. Not that women are forbidden from participation in the Bible “classes, as long as she subjects herself because of God’s order or authority” (Gary Hampton). And she **can** teach other women. (*Titus 2:4*)

Qualification For Elders...- “Man UP!”

1Ti 3:5 (For if a **man** know not how to **rule** (*Gk.4291- to stand before, that is, [in rank] to preside, or [by implication] to practice: -maintain*) **his own house** (*Gk.3624- family*), how shall he take care of the church of God?)

And Their Wives – “Woman Up!”

1Ti 3:11 Even so *must their* **wives** be grave (*Gk.4586- honorable*), not slanderers (*Gk.1228- false accuser*), sober (*Gk.3524- cautious: -vigilant*), faithful in all things.

Mature Men & Women Still Have Purpose In The Church

Tit 2:2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate (*Gk.4998- self-controlled*), sound (*Gk.5198- figuratively to be uncorrupt [true in doctrine]*) in faith, in charity, in patience. 3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behavior (*Gk.2688- demeanor*) as becometh holiness (*Gk.2412- reverent*), not false accusers, **not** given (*Gk.1402- to enslave: -bring into [be under] bondage*) to much (*Gk.4183- much [in any respect]*) wine, teachers of good things; 4 **That** (*Gk.2443- purpose*) (**by their example!**) they may **teach** the young **women** to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 *To be* discreet (*Gk.4998- self-controlled [moderate as to opinion or passion]*), chaste (*Gk.53- innocent*), keepers at home (*Gk.3626- a stayer at home, that is, domestically inclined [a “good housekeeper”]*) (*Prov 31:10 ...a virtuous*

woman? *v.27 She looketh well to the ways of her household...)(Doesn't mean she can't have a career. [Pro 31:18] She just puts family first!)*, good, obedient (*Gk.5293- to subordinate*) to their own husbands, **that** (*Gk.2443- purpose*) the word of God be not blasphemed (*Gk.987- defame*). 6 Young men **likewise** exhort to be sober minded. 7 In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, 8 Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part (*Gk.1727- antagonistic*) may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

1Pe 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you:

In Conclusion

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture (*Gk.3809- tutorage, that is, education or training*) and admonition (*Gk.3559- calling attention to, that is, mild rebuke or warning*) of the Lord.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit (*Gk.433- proper*) in the Lord. **19** Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them. **20** Children, obey *your* parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. **21** Fathers, provoke not your children (*to anger,*) lest they be discouraged (*Gk.120- to be spiritless, that is, disheartened: -be dismayed*).

- **Real** men and women know their places! This lesson was meant to be balanced and fair to each gender but according to **God's** will. When we step outside the "natural" roles we were born with we go against **God's** will for mankind and will suffer the consequences. Pride, arrogance, lust, adultery and feminism are mostly to blame for the breakdown of the home today. Women seem to want to be men and men seem to want to be women. Kids are growing up not knowing which they want to be. The only answers to be found, in defining our roles as men and women, can be found in the **Bible**, where also we find that steadfast plan that puts us into the family of **God**.

Hear: **Romans 10:17** ... "faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of **God**."

Believe: **Heb 11:6** ... "for he that commeth to **God** must believe that **He** is"...

Repent: **Lk 13:3** ... "except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Confess: **Mat 10:32** "Whosoever shall confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father which is in Heaven."

Be baptized: **Acts 22:16** "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the **Lord**."

Remain faithful: **Rom 6:4** ... "even so we also should walk in newness of life."

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