

Sunday, August 8, 2021—Colossians 3:17 Paul's Instructions to Wives

### **The Biblical Definition of Marriage**

- Genesis 2:18-25
  - Matthew 19:5
  - Ephesians 5:31
- According to the Bible marriage is between a man and women.
- Marriage is supported by a three pronged base similar to a tripod:
  - Leaving—to loose, to depart from, to leave behind—man serves as the leader in this regard.
  - Cleaving—to stick to, stick with, follow closely, to be joined together
  - One Flesh—this is the physical part of the marriage relationship, this is what makes marriage marriage.
- I Corinthians 6:16
- At its core marriage is the formation of a new identify it is agreeing to play by a new set of rules.
- Marriage is the difference between playing singles and doubles tennis.
- Marriage is also the reformation of God's original creation.

### **Wife's Role and Responsibilities**

- Ephesians 5:22—what does it mean to submit?
  - To arrange under, to subordinate, to put in subjection, obey, to submit to ones control, to yield to ones admonition or advice.
- **“as unto the Lord,”** God's will for a wife is to submit to the authority that God has placed in her husband. When a wife submits to her husband, she is following the God ordained plan for marriage.
- Ephesians 5:23—anything supreme, the rules over something.
- I Corinthians 11:3—God has established an order of accountability.
- The word head is that same word used to describe Christ position as the head of the Body of Christ.
  - Ephesians 1:22, 4:15

- Colossians 1:18, 2:10, 19
- Just as Christ serves as the head of the Body of Christ the husband is the head of the wife. God instructs wives to submit to Him by submitting to their husbands.
- Husbands, what kind of headship does Christ use to lead his Church?
  - Ephesians 5:25
  - Colossians 3:14—Christ leads his Church based on his grace and his unconditional love displayed at Calvary.
  - The husband is not supposed to be a little Adolf Hitler or Joseph Stalin.
- Genesis 2:23-25, 3:7, 16-17—because of the entrance of sin into the world God ordained that the husband should rule over his wife.
- As a result, the natural tendency of the wife is going to be to rebel against the authority God has placed in her husband. I am not going to listen to you, you cannot make that decision.
- Ephesians 5:24—the Greek word translated subject verse 24 is the same word that is translated submit in verse 21 and 22
- In how many things is the wife supposed to be subject unto her husband? Everything!
- That is why women must choose their mate wisely. No missionary dating.
- Colossians 3:18—in the eyes of the Lord it is fitting and proper for a wife to submit to her own husband.
- Ephesians 5:33—The central need that a husband has is respect. The husband wants to feel like he is his wife's hero and champion that no matter what anyone else thinks about him she will always love him.
- Your husband will not compete with you in your marriage he will check out mentally and emotionally before he will compete with you.
- A women's tenancy to manipulate things.

### **Where the Rubber Meets the Road**

- Ephesians 5:21 and following are what being a spirit filled believer is all about.
- Spirit filled wives submit to their husbands. Spirit filled husbands love their wives as Christ loved the church.
- We need to live and function in the new man in our marriages that is Paul's entire point in the passage we have been studying in Colossians 3.