

God Defines The Meaning of Marriage

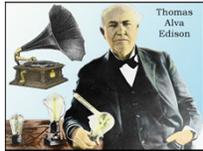


Gender Roles of Husband & Wife

GOD

The Creator / Inventor

Gen. 1:27,31 "So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them... Indeed, it was very good!" 



Owner / Operator
Expert
Naming rights
Maintenance Manual

A Mixed Up World

Gender Roles



God's Divine Order

Gender Roles

Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband.

1 Corinthians 7:2



Accepting Our Roles

Eph. 5:22-23

Husband

is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church

Wife

submit to your husband, as to the lord



THE GREAT MYSTERY

Christ (Husband)

Church Eph 5:22-33 (Wife)



12 Verses Explaining Different Roles of Service

Gender
From The Beginning

Gen. 1:27
"In the image of God He created him;
male (XY) and female (XX) He created them"



Gen. 2:18
"And the LORD God said, "It is **not good** that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Wife
"Helper"

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"I will make him a **helper** comparable to him."

Used for God's coming to man's rescue
(15 of 21x used in OT – God is the "helper")
Used for military reinforcements (turn battle tide)

To make up what is lacking:
complement, supplement



Wife
"Perfect Fit"

neged
"I will make him a helper **comparable** to him."

A counterpart 

Like opposite (XX – XY) 

Made from his own bone, yet different 

Two puzzle pieces fitting together 

The Fall
The Garden Blame Game

Gen. 3:12-13 *Breakdown in roles*

Then the man said, "The woman whom You ..."
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me ..."



The Restoration
The Cross & Submission

Phil. 2:5-11 *Servant Leader*

Shed divine privileges, but not any less God
Voluntary submission (i.e. gift) to Father
Most submissive role: death in service to Head

Submission Was Jesus' Greatness

Made low
Exalted high



"The Great Mystery"
The Movie

I Cor. 11:3 *Ordained Roles*

"But I want you to know that:
the head of every man is Christ,
the head of woman is man, and
the head of Christ is God."

God
Christ
Man
Woman

World's Greatest Play:
Role of Jesus: Woman!



Why Submission Is Positive?

Rom. 13:1 (cf. I Tim. 2:2 “quiet life”)
Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

- 1. Everyone subject to Gov't
- 2. Gov't subject to God

Why Submission Is Positive?

I Cor. 15:28 order, not chaos
Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all.

- 1. All things subject to Christ
- 2. Christ subject to the Father

Why Submission Is Positive?

Ephesians 5:32 Now I Get It!
This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

- 1. Unravels A Great Mystery
- 2. Explains Christ & His Church

**Mutual Submission:
Moving The Tabernacle**



**If All Submit & Do Part
God Is Glorified**

**“The Great Mystery”
The Movie**

Eph. 5:23-25 The Husband’s Role
For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church ... the Savior of the body.
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her

World’s Greatest Play (Sequel)
Role of Jesus: Man! ♂

**God
The Role of Bond-Servant**

John 13:3-5 Washing Feet
Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.



Redefining Headship

The Role of Leader-Servant

John 13:12-16 Die to Self to Serve

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? "You call me **Teacher** and **Lord**, and you say well, for so I am. "If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. "For I have given you an **example**, that you should do as I have done to you. "Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.



Jesus' Headship

Dying To Serve

Matt. 20:25-28

25 those who are great exercise authority over them.
 26 whoever desires to become **great** among you, let him be your **servant**.
 27 whoever desires to be **first** among you, let him be your **slave**
 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to **serve**, and to **give** His life a ransom for many.



Male & Female

The Great Gulf

The Other = The Bother

"Men!"
 "Women!"

Opposites: Great differences that make it so hard !

Homosexual: "Easier than dealing with opposite sex"



Marriage
Bridging The Gulf

We Need The Other

1 Pet 3:7 “Husbands, dwell with them with *understanding...*”

Tit 2:4 “that (older women) admonish the young women to *love* their husbands...”

Hard? Yes – No

Yes – like Christ coming to understand and love us

No – compared to Christ understanding and loving me

Marriage
Fulfill Your Role

Half & Half = Whole

Husband: Servant-Leader
Serve Her
Lead Her

Wife: Servant-Helper
Serve Him
Help Him

Marriage
The What-If's

Half & Half = Whole

Husband: Servant-Leader
Start Serving
Start Leading

1. Prayer is the MOST you can do
2. Wash her feet (21st century way)
3. Find a mentor / shepherd
4. Memorize / Fulfill Eph. 5:14-21, 23-25
5. Sanctify her (I Cor. 7:14 & Eph 5:26)

Marriage
The What-If's

Half & Half = Whole

Wife: Servant-Helper
Start Serving
Start Helping



1. Prayer is the MOST you can do
2. Wash his feet (Eph 5:24,33)
3. Find a mentor / shepherd
4. Memorize / Fulfill Eph. 5:14-22,33
5. Sanctify him (I Cor. 7:14 & I Pet 3:1)

Single Men **Finding A Wife**

Proverbs 31:10 The Search
Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.



Proverbs 18:22 The Find
He who finds a wife finds a good thing,
And obtains favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 12:4 The Crown Jewels
An excellent wife is the crown of her husband

Single Women **Finding A Husband**

Ruth 2:1-3 The Search
3 Then she left, and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

To Find A Boaz
- Be A Ruth