

Manhood and Womanhood in the Home

Ephesians 5:22-33

What if the Great Commission went like this?

Jesus said, “All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me, therefore go and find people who want the benefits of my salvation but aren’t necessarily eager to follow me as my disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and teaching them to do whatever they feel like doing because I’m not really interested in leading them with my own principles and priorities because I really just want to spoil them and so that they are happy, and behold I am with you always even to the end of the age.”

What if a marriage between a man and his wife was just a relationship with no authority? What if the husband had no resolute will to lead his home toward Christ? What if the wife wanted the benefits of being married with no desire to follow her husband? What if the husband was not a man of principles and priorities that he brought to his wife in their marriage relationship? What if the husband’s main goal was just to spoil his wife and make her happy? What if the wife thought that should be his main goal? What if she resisted and disregarded his leadership?

A Mature Man of God: A Spirit-filled man who is eager to lead, provide for, and protect women and children with appropriate love, courage, and gentleness.

A Mature Woman of God: A Spirit-filled woman who is eager to support the worthy leadership, protection, and provision of men with enthusiasm, resourcefulness, and discernment.

This doesn’t mean that men aren’t helpers or that women aren’t leaders.

Ephesians 5:22-24

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.

Ephesians 5:25-27

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.

Ephesians 5:28-30

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.

Ephesians 5:31-33

"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.

The beauty of the gospel is at stake your marriage!

- 1. By whether your marriage portrays the beauty of Christ's relationship to his church.**
- 2. By whether the transforming power of the Spirit to help you to fulfill your roles is evident.**
- 3. By whether forgiveness and grace define your relationship to each other.**