

The Role of a Wife In Marriage

Understanding Womanhood

I. The Definition of Female: [*nâqebah* /nek·ay·baw/] One who was created by God as a material and immaterial being, with a unique DNA, 2x chromosome, and the physical distinctive of a vagina, womb, ovaries and uterus for a particular function and purpose in the culture alongside and distinct from a male and all other creations of God. (Genesis 1:27)

A. In most cases men are born with a penis and women are born with a vagina. In the event the either there is a void of or having addition to her normal sexual organs, a chromosome test should verify her gender.

II. The Definition of Womanhood: The mindset, manner, and movement that all females were distinctly created and called by God to function in all aspects of life. (Genesis 2:18)

III. The Duties of a Female: The duties of a female correspond with how she was created by God from the beginning to function: (Genesis 2:18) *ézer kenegdo – A helper who is like a male or who is comparable in essence/being only – Gen. 2:18*

A. Women are responsible for supporting men in **procreation on earth**- carrying the life implanted through the seed of her husband to birth so that mankind would reflect the character of God throughout the earth. (Genesis 1:26-30)

B. Women are responsible for supporting men in **subduing the earth**- support men in governing the earth i.e. stewardship, management, control, and order according to the will of God.(Genesis 2:15,19-20, 1:26-30)

C. Women are responsible for supporting men in **dominion of the earth**- supporting men in the overseeing the earth Genesis 2:15, 19-20 1:26-30)

D. In essence women are to **procreate** with spouse only, **support** men and **submit** to men in the governance and leadership of creation within realm of their influence and position to the glory of God and the good of mankind (Genesis 2:15, 1:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:1-3).

IV. The Disciplines of Womanhood: A women was not designed to take a man's place but to work alongside a man. A woman is to operate in such a manner whereby her talents, gifts, abilities corresponds or complements male headship. She is not operate in manner whereby she seeks to replace or be co-equal to male headship. Therefore, it is prudent for woman to learn, live, and discipline herself around the Precepts and Plans of God. (Genesis 1:27, 2:18, 1Corinthians 11:1-3, Proverbs 14:8)

The Practice of A Wife in Marriage

I. Wives are to submit to their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-24)

- A. Meaning—to willingly follow the leadership of your husband; to willingly follow the instructions of your husband (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- B. Member—to her own husband (1Peter 3:1-6).
- C. Manner—as the Church submits to Christ the Lord; as if she were responding to Jesus Christ Himself (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- D. Motive—out of respect for God’s design (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- E. Magnitude—in everything that is not sin including Preferences (Ephesians 5:22-24).
- F. Manifestation—following her husband’s leadership and directives in all that she does in the home and outside the home as unto the Lord; following her husband’s leadership and directives in the raising of the children as unto the Lord; showing respect to her husband in all aspects of the marriage as unto the Lord; managing their home in ways that are in line with her husband’s leadership and directives as unto the Lord; listening to and following through on the things that concern her husband that have been requested of her as unto the Lord (Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 31:10-31, 1 Corinthians 7:34, 1 Peter 3:1-6).

Implications for Women

- A. Women must **delight** in their position as coheirs with men before the throne of God.
- B. Women must **develop** in the precepts of God in relation to all that God has for women to do in their position and practice established for them through the creation order.
- C. Women must be **disciplined** in their practice of functioning within the role that God established through the creation order.
- D. Women must **dismiss** the perspective that they are less than men because of the role God established for them through the creation order.
- E. Women must be **devoted** to promoting their position and their practice ordained by God to other women so that God may be glorified through their position and practice.
- F. Women must **discover** the pleasure that God brings to their lives as a result of living within the created order of God.

Example of a Job description developed

POSITION TITLE: Wife (Support of Family)

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION: To support and help her husband in various ways so that he may be and do all God designed for him (Genesis 2:18-22).

REPORTS TO: God, Husband, Church Leaders

RELATES CLOSELY WITH: Husband, Mother, Father, Mother in law and father in law

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Submitting to husband in every aspect of life as unto the Lord (Eph 5:23, Titus 2:3-5, 1Peter 3:1)
- Helping her husband in those areas of his life where he is unable to function adequately (Genesis 2:18)
- Meeting his needs in every aspect of the Marriage (Philippians 2:3-4, 1Peter 4:10)
- Showing respect to her husband (Ephesians 5:33)
- Keeping the home inviting and orderly (Titus 2:3-5 Psalm 128:3 Proverbs 31:27)
- Assisting her husband in the raising of children (Titus 2:3-5, Psalm 128:3)
- Keeping herself beautiful inside and outside (1Peter 3:3-5)
- Providing sexual fulfillment to her husband unconditionally (1Corinthians 7:1-5)
- Using her skills, talents, gifts to support her husband and family as first priority (Proverbs 31:27, Psalm 128:3, Titus 2:3-5)
- Being loyal, trustworthy, and dependable in attitude, action, and service to her husband in every aspect of the relationship (Proverbs 31:10-12)

Measurable Goals

- In what ways am I submitting to my husband?
- How am I using my strengths to compensate for my husband's weaknesses?
- What needs am I meeting of my husband?
- What ways am I showing respect to my husband?
- Am I keeping the home inviting and orderly?
- What ways am I helping my husband raise our children?
- What am I doing to keep myself attractive for my husband?
- Is my husband satisfied sexually by me?
- What gifts, talents, skills, and resources am I using to support my Husband/my family?