
*1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way **be considerate** as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as **the weaker partner** and as **heirs with you** of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.*

Gnosis (Gk) – knowledge that takes into consideration, that understands

Relational masculinity is...

1. S _____ That M _____ Toward His Wife.

1 Kings 2:2 Be strong and show yourself a man.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...

Opposite of strength: Retreat.

Proverbs 24:10 If you falter in times of trouble, how small is your strength.

2. T _____ to her e _____ needs.

1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:29-30

Opposite of tender: Harsh.

Key: page 3: Relational; control.

page 4: Strength' Tender; emotional

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Out of I-ness, Into We-ness—part 2

Ephesians 5:21-33

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Ephesians review:

Eph. 1: God chose, redeemed, sealed and empowers you.

Eph. 2: Man's predicament, But God saved you... even us!

Eph. 3: God uniting people, people knowing God, people loving people.

Eph. 4: Usness, Usness Serving, Old Usness, New Usness

Eph. 5: Out of darkness into light; Out of foolishness, into wisdom: Out of I-ness, into We-ness (marriage)

The husband is the thermostat,
the wife is the thermometer

Picture and principles of marriage: Eph. 5:21-33

Headship

Principles:

*Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For **the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church**, his body, of which he is the Savior.*

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Matthew 20:25 You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— ²⁸ just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Model:

Phil. 2:5 In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Stewardship

1 Timothy 3:4 He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. ⁵ (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God’s church?)

Love

Sacrificial love

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies.

Tender love

Ephesians 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church—³⁰ for we are members of his body.

“Feed” – ěktrěphō (Gk.) to *cherish* or *train*, nourish.

“Care” – thalpō (Gk.), akin thallō (to warm); to *foster*, cherish.

Understanding the feminine soul

Proverbs 18:2 Fools find no pleasure in understanding but delight in airing their own opinions.

Genesis 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

Two kinds of pain for a woman:

(1) _____ pain.

(2) Loss of _____.
