

## As God Said - Marriage

One problem with trying to keep from getting on 'soap box' is sometimes not dealing with lessons related to topic as often as should.

Breakdown of family is one of my 'hot buttons'

Almost all church & society problems be traced back to family failures.

Many examples use family as God designed to teach about relations.

Does Paul use Christ & church to teach of husband & wife or vice versa?

**In all things must go back to God for our pattern.**

*Genesis 2:15-25*

Join one man to one woman as single unit is God's design from beginning.

This joining overrides any other relationship they might have on earth.

Any variation, divorce; cling to parents; preference to children; job; society, is from the mind of man and perverts God's design.

May survive such perversion but will never be blessing God intended.

*Matthew 19:3-6*

Jesus quotes Moses to question of divorce. Last words important today.

*Genesis 3:14-21*

Adam & Eve broke God's covenant. This brought consequences.

Pain in childbirth and submission to husband for Eve.

Difficulty in providing for family for Adam.

God given consequences were laid upon mankind because of this fall.

Based upon each one's part in the fall.

*1Corinthians 11:3 (AMP); Colossians 3:18-20*

Paul reminds early brethren these consequences are still in effect.

The new law did not remove them, but rather reinforced them.

*1Timothy 2:13-14; Ephesians 5:22-33; 1Corinthians 7:13*

Wives Subject in everything with church subjection to Christ as example.

Husbands Love (**1Corinthians 13**) rules relationship with Christ as example.

This joining, again, must override any other relationship.

"As unto the bow the cord is, So unto the man is woman; Though she bends him she obeys him,

Useless each without the other!" -- Longfellow - HIAWATHA

*1Peter 3:1-12; 1Timothy 5:8,14; Titus 2:3-5*

Both - Love, spiritual support, exclusive.

Wives - Care for home, children, above reproach, sensible. Love, honor, respect, subject.

Husbands - Provide for family, honor, understanding, cherish, protect.

*Ephesians 5:29*, "cherish" - "to heat, to soften by heat; then to keep warm, as of birds covering their young with their feathers (Vine's)

*1Corinthians 7:1-5*

Includes intimate obligation - satisfy physical needs.

Paul references it as duty.

*1Corinthians 7:10-11,32-35*

Paul reminds us that we have a responsibility to please our spouse, which could interfere with pleasing our Lord.

How does your relationship compare to example of Christ and Church?

Overview - more to come about some of these things.

Lessons on parenting responsibility in future also.

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