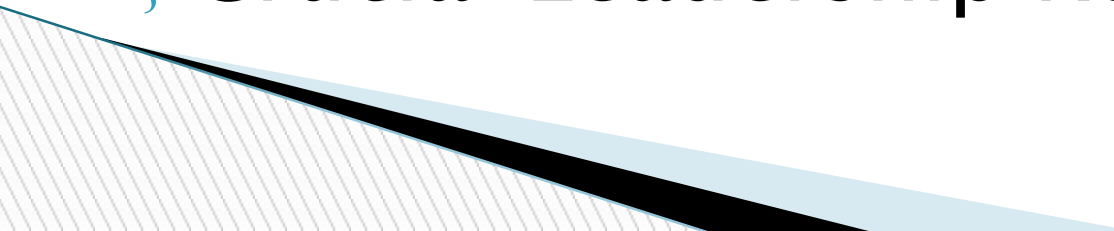


GOD'S DIVINE ORDER FOR MARRIAGE

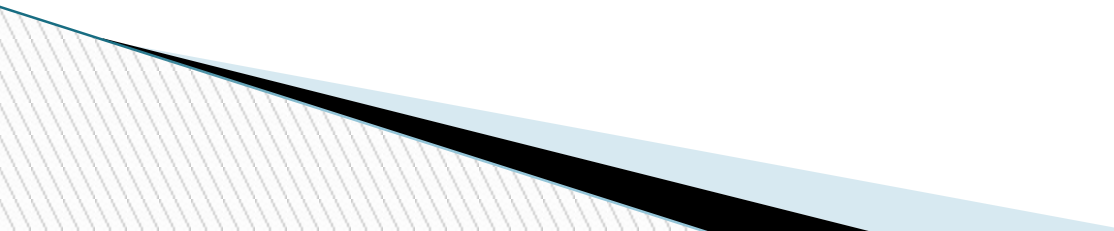
(Eph. 5: 22–33, 1 Pet. 3: 1–7)



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} The blessings and position received by the church in Christ -- 1:3--3:21

} The living and responsibility needed for the church in the Holy Spirit -- 4:1-6:20

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- } The living and responsibility needed in the Body of Christ -- 4:1-16
- } The living needed in the daily walk -- 4:17--5:21
- } The living needed in ethical relationships -- 5:22--6:9
 - ☞ Between wife and husband -- 5:22-33

God's Divine arrangement/order for Marriage –What is it?

} FIRST PETER 3 IN CONTEXT

} Introduction -- to the sojourning believers under the operation of the Triune God -- 1:1-2

} The full salvation of the Triune God and its issues -- 1:3-25

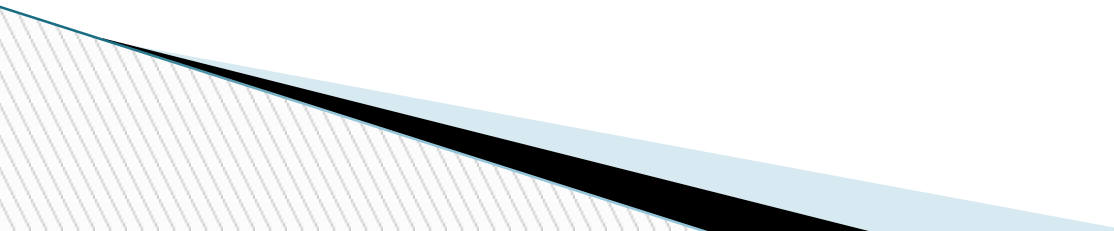
} Growth in life and its results -- 2:1-10

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God's Divine arrangement/order for Marriage –What is it?

- } The Christian life and its sufferings -- 2:11--4:19
- } Life manners toward all men in all concerns -- 2:11--3:13
- ❧ Toward human institutions -- 2:13-17
- ❧ Servants toward masters -- 2:18-20
- ❧ The model of Christ -- 2:21-25
- ❧ In marriage life -- 3:1-7

SUMMARY

- } God's Divine arrangement/order for Marriage as found in Eph. 5 and 1 Pet. 3
 - } Eph. 5:21 applies to the general relationship among the brethren in the body of Christ while vrs 22 is specific to married couples
 - } 1 Pet 3: 1–7 shows marriage entails a form of suffering/sacrifice in the Christian life
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Wives Submit to your Husbands – Biblical Meaning

} 22 1aWives, *be* b*subject* 2to your 3own husbands as to the Lord; 23 For a husband is 1ahead of the wife as also Christ is bHead of the church, He Himself *being* the 2Savior of the Body. 24 1But as the church is subject to Christ, so also *let* the wives *be subject* to their husbands in 2everything

Husbands love your wives – Biblical Meaning

} 25 Husbands, **1a** love your wives even **2a** as Christ also **b** loved the church and gave Himself up for her 27 That He might **1a** present the **2b** church to Himself **3** glorious, not having **4** spot or wrinkle or any such things, but that she would be **5c** holy and **d** without blemish. 28 In the same way the husbands also ought to **a** love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his own wife loves himself. 29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **1a** nourishes and **b** cherishes it, even as Christ also the church,

Husbands love your wives – Biblical Meaning

- } 30 Because we are amembers of His bBody.
31 aFor this cause a man shall 1leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall be 2bone flesh. 32 This amystery is great, but I speak with regard to 1Christ band the church. 33 Nevertheless you also, each one of you, in the same way alove 1your own wife as yourself; and the wife should 2bfear her husband

Biblical Meaning of Both Scriptures

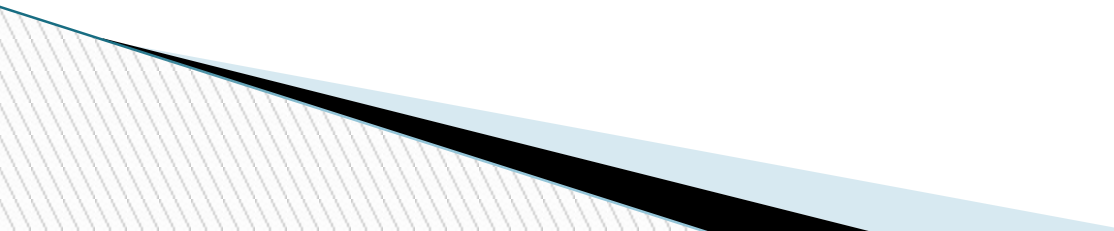
} Therefore, headship is not a right to command and control. It's a responsibility to love like Christ: to lay down your life for your wife in servant leadership. Headship is the divine calling of a husband to take primary responsibility for Christ-like servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home

} And submission is not slavish or coerced or cowering. That's not the way Christ wants the church to respond to His leadership: He wants it to be free and willing and glad and refining and strengthening. Submission is the divine calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's leadership and help carry it through according to her gifts.

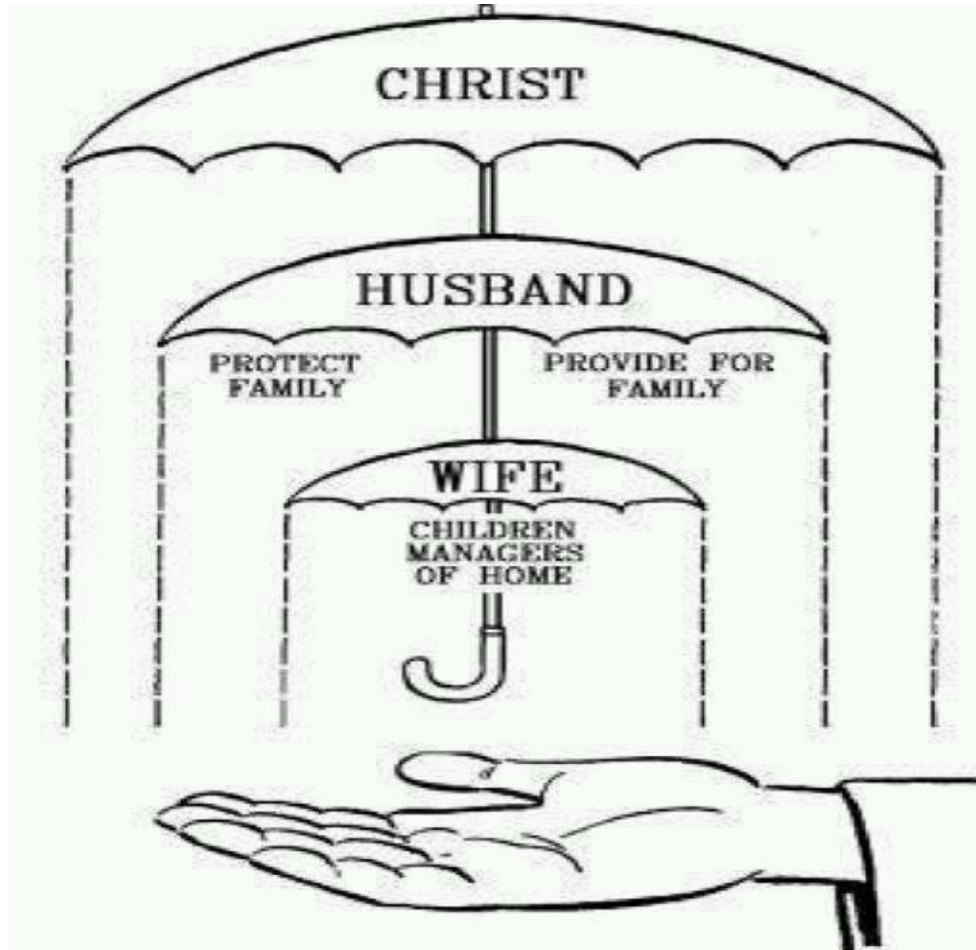
Rights and Responsibility for both

- } Rights and Responsibility for both, but Man's leadership role very crucial for successful marriage
- } Eph 5:33 (Amp Version). However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects *and* reverences her husband [**f**]that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and [**g**]that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly].

Crucial Leadership Role of Man

- } Gen 2:15–25; 3:1–6 => The fall of Adam but not fall of Eve
 - } Sarah leads Abraham => Birth of Ishmael
 - } Abraham leads Sarah => Isaac ...
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Organogram of God's Divine Order for Marriage



How to implement Divine Arrangement

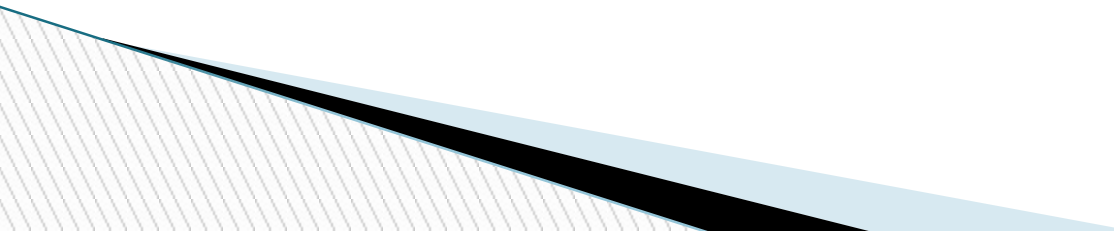
- } The Greek word for submit is: hypotasso
1) arrange under, subordinate; 2) yield to one's admonition or advice
- } **Lk 22:42 “Not My will, but Yours be done!”**
=> The essence of biblical submission
- } A wife submits primarily, and in reverence to God and not because her husband necessarily deserves it or the wife is inferior Eph 5:22

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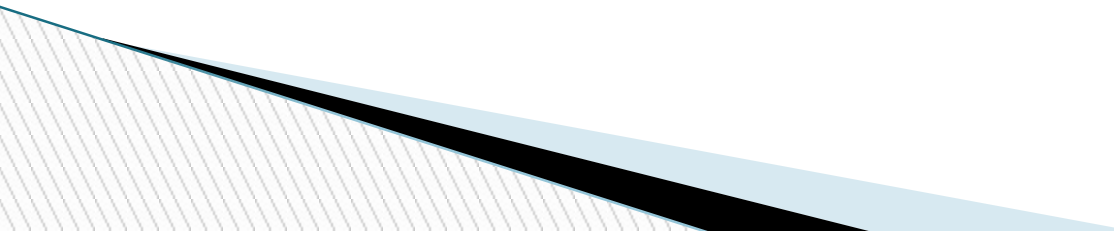
- } Phil 4: 13 – I have strength for all things in Christ Who empowers me [I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him Who [a]infuses inner strength into me; I am [b]self-sufficient in Christ's sufficiency] (Amp).
- } Martha & Mary Lk. 10:38–42; Mt.6: 32–33

Practical Ways to Submit

- } Pray together as family
 - } Give him helpful suggestions as his helper... (Gen 3, Pr. 31:12,36)
 - } Value his opinions

 - } Keep your house in order.. (Pr. 31:27).
 - } Accept constructive criticism
 - } Choose words rightly (Pr.15:1, Ec110:4)
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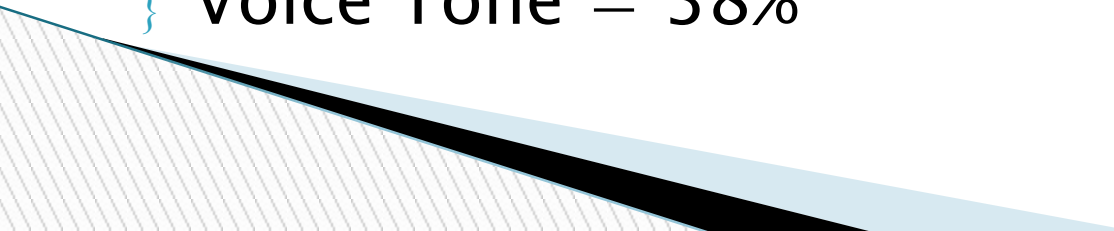
Practical Ways to Submit

- } Remember requests and fulfill them....
 - } Speak well of him before others ...
 - } Take interest in him and what he does.....
 - } Show appreciation
 - } Sincere apologies
 - } Defer to him/Let him have final word
(Eph. 5:33 applies to all above)
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Practical Ways to Love

} Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵ It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸ Love never fails.... 1 Cor 13: 4-7 (NIV)


Practical Ways to Love

- } Demonstrate Love through:
 - } Words
 - } Actions and Behavior
 - } Gestures
 - } Communication Between Husband and Wife;
 - } Words = 7%;
 - } Facial Expression/body movements = 55%
 - } Voice Tone = 38%
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Practical Ways to Love



Practical Ways to Love

- } Pray together as family
 - } Compliment her
 - } Encourage her to be happy when moody or down
 - } Seek her opinions
 - } Appreciation/Sincere Apologies
 - } Encourage verbal expression of negative emotions
 - } Share intimate secrets
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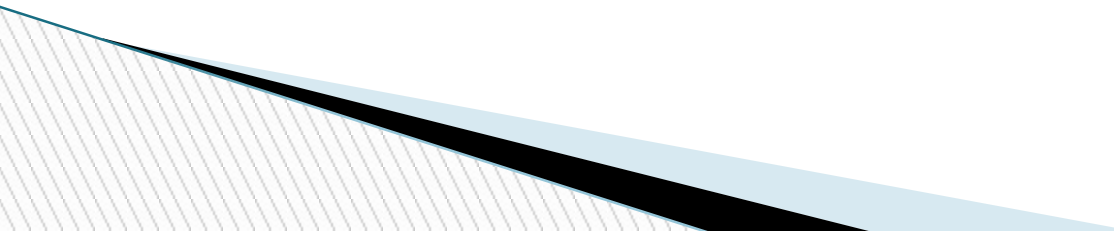
Practical Ways to Love



Love is giving...

SOMEONE YOUR
UNDIVIDED ATTENTION

Practical Ways to Love

- } Give them your undivided attention
 - } Touch them.
 - } Do something complicated for them that takes effort.
 - } Reinforce an inside joke or memorable moment.
 - } Do/wear something you know the other likes
 - } 7 Seconds Hug/Kiss rule
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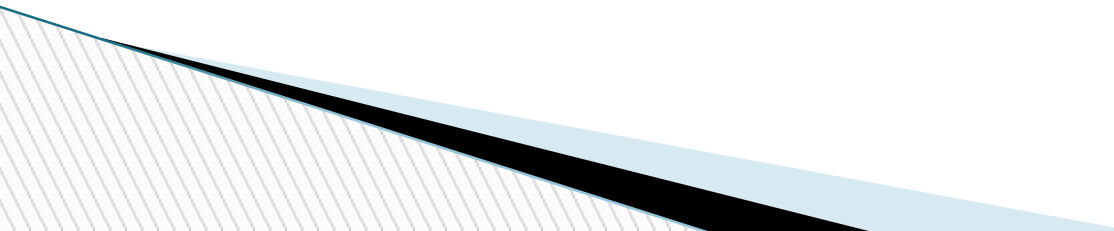
Practical Ways to Love

**I hear you,
but I'm not
listening!**

Practical Ways to Love



Practical Ways to Love

- } Do small gifts more often instead of large gifts rarely
 - } Plan something to do together
 - } Surprise them with something/meal they like
 - } Introduce them to everyone you know – and proudly.
 - } Make room for them in your life
 - } Love language
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How to implement Divine Arrangement

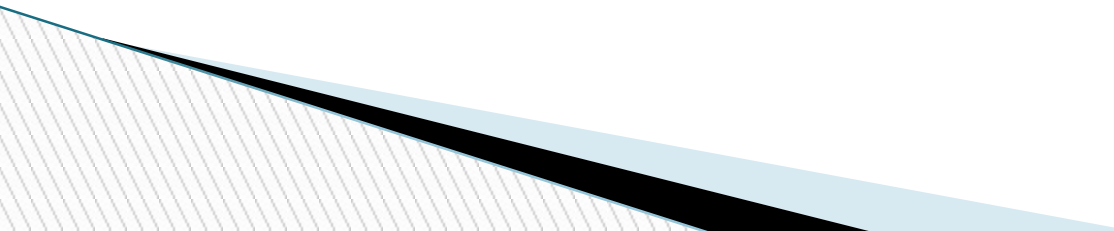
} 23. Christ => Head => Authority
Christ => Savior => Love.

} 24. Subjection of wives to husbands = absolute, BUT, obedience is not....

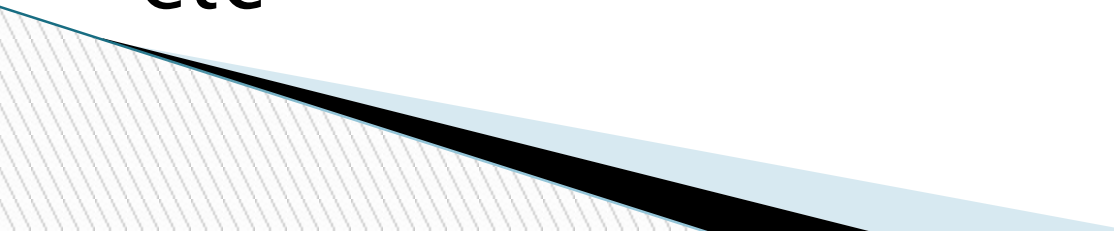
} Obeying is different from being subject. With obedience, the emphasis is on compliance, whereas with subjection, the emphasis is on subordination.

} Subjection without obedience possible(Dan. 3:13-30)

How to implement Divine Arrangement

- } **Submission** **Headship**
 - } **Chicken and Egg Scenario**
 - } **Each playing his/her role and ...**
 - } **** Honouring others and not being wise in yourselves** Rom 10:12, 16
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Typical Reasons for non-adherence

- } 1. Strong-willed woman
 - } 2. Low Self-Esteem
 - } 3. Failure of Past Relationship
 - } 4. Lack of Knowledge
 - } 5. Lack of respect
 - } 6. Criticism/Judgmental attitude
 - } 7. Cultural background e.g. she is not behaving like a woman, Its my right etc
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Typical Reasons for non-adherence

8. Individual background and Upbringing

} 9. External influence/wrong advice (Friends, in-laws etc)

} 10. Controlling attitude

} 11. Immaturity (emotional or psychological)

Benefits of adhering to Divine arrangement

} God's order of blessing (Ps.133:1-3)

} 1 Pet. 3:7,

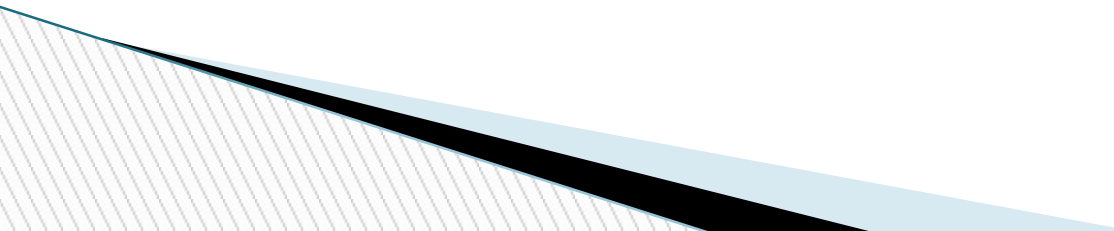
} Elijah and Elisha 2 Kings 2: 9-13

} Power in numbers Deut. 32:30, Ecl 4:12, Mt 18:19

} Health Benefits



Consequences of non-adherence

- } 1 Sam. 15: 1 – 35. Emphasis on 3, 8 – 11, 13 – 35
 - } Daniel 10: 1 – 14, 20 – 21
 - } Eve leading Adam => Fall of man;
 - } Sarah leading Abraham => Birth of Ishmael
 - } Confusion e.g. carnage on our roads in developing countries
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} MAY GOD HAVE HIS WAY IN OUR MARRIAGES,
REPAIR AND RESTORE ALL THAT HAS BEEN
LOST AND USE OUR MARRIAGES FOR HIS
GLORIFICATION... AMEN

