

The Husband's Role in Marriage
Ephesians 5:23-25
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“The husband may be the head, but the wife is the neck that turns the head.”

■ **Christ is the Head of the Church**

head - kephale; authority over

✪ **Christ has power, authority, to direct as the head of the church**

• **Christ is the head of every man**

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

• **Christ, as creator, is head of the church**

Colossians 1:16-18 (NKJV)

✚ Christ created everything we see and do not see **(16)**

✚ Christ existed before all was created **(17)**

✚ Christ is head of the church **(18)**

- ❖ Therefore, He has the preeminence, first place, before anything
- ❖ Christ is not head, as a superior to an inferior, sovereign and subject
- ❖ The church, as His body, is in a relationship that draws its life from Him
 - ✪ **Christ directs his body, the church, so we must be dependent on Him, as our body is dependent on our head**
 - ✪ **A Christian that does not submit to Christ as head is a paralyzed member of the body**
- ❖ They are alive, but not obedient

■ The Husband is the Head of the Wife

- ✪ The husband as head of the wife is defined by the analogy of Christ as the head of the church

Kent Hughes

"The husband is to exercise his headship with a Savior-style servant-leadership. He must lead with the kind of love that is willing to die."

Mark 10:43-45 (NKJV)

⁴³ Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you shall be your servant. ⁴⁴ And whoever of you desires to be first shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

- ✪ Headship is not just authority, but covering, provision, protection, guidance and responsibility
- ❖ The husband, as head of the wife, should be spiritual leader in the home
- ✪ Refusing to allow Christ to be Lord of your life is saying we have authority, not Christ, over our own life
- ❖ The husband is saying he can lead his wife and family without Christ

Tony Evans

"The problem in marriages today is it that we have too many women who don't want to submit. The problem is that we have too many men who don't want to submit to the headship of Jesus Christ. You should not be surprised if a woman is not following your lead if you are not following Christ lead."

■ Christ as an Example of a Loving Shepherd

- ✪ The picture of Christ as the head of the church is not of a tyrant, but a loving shepherd

John 10:11 (NKJV)

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Colossians 3:19 (NKJV)

Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

bitter - exasperate, irritate

- **The example of love the husband needs to follow**

Ephesians 4:2, 15

Ephesians 5:25, 28

Paul says, "Let love be without hypocrisy." **Romans 12:9 (NKJV)**

✚ **Husbands, you have enough love for your wife**

Romans 5:5 (NKJV)

"Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given

✪ **The love a husband is to have for his wife is unconditional love and selfless love**

Agapao describes the "self-less love which is given even if it is not received or returned!"

Agapao does not describe "an emotional love but represents the act of the will of one who desires and seeks the other's highest good."

"It is the highest form of love -- selfless, unconditional and committed to the highest good of our wife."

Close

1 John 3:16 (NKJV)

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren."