

# The Different Roles of each Person in the Family

- I. God created the institution we call family (home)
  - a. Three Institutions that God Created
    - i. Home
    - ii. Civil
    - iii. Church
  - b. Home was created first in the Garden of Eden
    - i. **(Gen 2:21-24)** “And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**”
  - c. Jesus refers to this as the beginning of the family
    - i. **(Matt 19:3-6)** “The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them **at the beginning** made them **male and female**, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are **no more twain**, but **one flesh**. What therefore **God hath joined together**, let not man put asunder.”
      1. It’s not lawful to put away your wife for every cause.
      2. Come from two families to make up a new family
        - a. God puts this family together!
        - b. He creates it – serious business – Sacred Institution
- II. God sets positions in an institution and gives them a specific job
  - a. Example: the Church
    - i. **(Eph 4:11-12)** “And he gave some, **apostles**; and some, **prophets**; and some, **evangelists**; and some, **pastors** and **teachers**; For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the **work of the ministry**, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**.”
      1. Christ gave these roles for people to play to bring about perfecting of the saints, work of the ministry, and the edifying of the body of Christ.
        - a. Apostle had a role to play
        - b. Prophets had a role to play
        - c. Evangelists had a role to play
        - d. Pastors had a role to play
        - e. Teachers had a role to play
    - ii. Today in the Church we have our roles to play
      1. Each member has his/her role to play – work to do!
        - a. Elders



through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen.”

1. Who is the counselor of God?
  - a. God created all – knows all
  - b. His ways are the best ways
- b. We follow God’s way will give us a peaceful and better life.
  - i. (Deut 5:32-33) “Ye shall observe to do therefore as the Lord your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.”
  - ii. (Ps 119:6) “Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.”
  - iii. (Jer 7:23) “But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.”
  - iv. (1 Tim 4:8) “For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having **promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.**”
    1. Promise of the life that now is – its enjoyment in peace and happiness
    2. Godly exercise is profitable now and for eternity
      - a. God knows best!

## V. Husband’s – Father’s Role

- a. Provider
  - i. (Gen 3:17-19) “And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the **sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread**, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”
    1. God gives Adam the role of provider
    2. His punishment for breaking God’s law is that He was going to Labor for substance!
- b. Head of Family
  - i. (1 Cor 11:3) “But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.”
    1. Paul gives us order of subjection
      - a. God – Christ – Man – Woman
  - ii. Important to note: This is speaking of Subjection not Superiority!
    1. Christ is Subject to God – Is God more superior to Christ?

- a. No they are Both Deity!
  - b. **(Phil 2:5-6)** “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.”
- 2. Woman is Subject to Man – Is Man more superior to Woman?
  - a. No they are Both Human – God is not respecter of Persons
  - b. **(Gal 3:28-29)** “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is **neither male nor female**: for ye are all **one** in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.”
- 3. How is Woman subject to Man? The same way Christ is subject to God.
  - a. Christ submitted his will for God's
  - b. Woman submits her will for her Husband – Why?
- iii. In any institution there has to be a head or final authority.
  - 1. This is what brings peace to the family – Not split – Not fighting
  - 2. In the Church it is Christ and in the family it is the Husband
  - 3. **(Eph 5:23)** “For the **husband** is the **head** of the **wife**, even as **Christ** is the **head** of the **church**: and he is the saviour of the body.”
    - a. The same degree that Christ is the head of the Church – Husband is head of the wife
- c. Considerate and Loving to His wife – Not a Tyrant
  - i. **(1 Peter 3:7)** “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, **giving honour unto the wife**, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”
    - 1. Give honor to your wife
      - a. Show Her that you care
      - b. Listen to her – Take her ideas into consideration
      - c. If your decision isn't what she desired – reason with her why.
        - i. A good wife will understand
    - 2. Heirs together – shows equality
  - ii. **(Col 3:19)** “Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”
    - 1. Show them respect as you want respect
  - iii. **(Eph 5:28)** “So ought **men** to **love** their **wives** as their own **bodies**. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.”
    - 1. Degree of love is as much as we love ourselves
  - iv. **(Eph 5:25)** “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”

1. Christ loved his Church enough to die – not only did he say he loved us, he showed us
  2. Show your wife you love them even to the point of dying for them – give up the remote every once in a while.
- d. A Loving teacher of his Children
- i. **(Eph 6:4)** “And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.”
    1. Provoke not your children to wrath
    2. Bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord
      - a. Nurture – Training or Teaching an education of God
      - b. Admonition – Warning of departure
    3. Teach them and then show them why it’s important!
    4. Do it without provoking them to wrath
  - ii. **(Col 3:21)** “Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.”
    1. A good way of running your children away from you
  - iii. Show them why this is the way it needs to be.
    1. Be firm but let God’s word back you up
  - iv. **(Prov 3:12)** “For whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.”
    1. If you love your children you will correct them
- VI. Wife’s – Mother’s Role
- a. Submissive to the Husband
    - i. **(Gen 3:16)** “Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.”
      1. Eve’s punishment for breaking God’s law is that her pain in child birthing
      2. God gives Eve the position of subjection under the Husband
    - ii. **(Eph 5:22)** “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.”
    - iii. **(Eph 5:24)** “Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.”
    - iv. **(Col 3:18)** “Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.”
    - v. A Good husband will listen to your ideas – ultimately must be submitted to his will
      1. This is how we can have peace in our families, between Husband and Wife.
  - b. Dependable companion
    - i. **(Prov 31:10-11)** “Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.”
      1. The wife is to strengthen the husbands own character.

- c. Energetic Partner
  - i. (Prov 31:12-15) “She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.”
    - 1. She will work to the good of the whole family
- d. Economic Expert
  - i. (Prov 31:16-19) “She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms. She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night. She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.”
  - ii. (Titus 2:5) “...keepers at home”
    - 1. Budget Keeper, Shopper, Manager, Organizer, Beautifier
- e. Teacher of the Law of kindness
  - i. (Prov 31:26) “She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.”
  - ii. Her role is not one of Nagging
    - 1. (Prov 21:9) “It is better to dwell in a corner of the housetop, than with a brawling woman in a wide house.”
      - a. Give words of Kindness and Support to your Husband and Children
- f. A Crown to her Husband
  - i. (Prov 12:4) “A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.”
    - 1. Always working to bring honor to the family

## VII. Children’s Role

- a. Your time for learning and growing
- b. A Student
  - i. (Prov 1:8-9) “My son, **hear the instruction** of thy father, and **forsake not the law** of thy mother: For they shall be an **ornament** of grace unto thy head, and **chains** about thy neck.”
    - 1. Listen and learn
      - a. Both beautiful and binding!
- c. To be Obedient
  - i. (Col 3:20) “Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.”
  - ii. (Eph 6:1-3) “Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;) That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth.”
    - 1. Live long on the earth
      - a. Parents were once you!
      - b. We understand your struggles through life
        - i. Wasn’t too long ago I was a child!

- c. Parents can teach you things to help you in your life, even extend it.
- d. To bring Joy
  - i. (Prov 23:24-26) “The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice: and he that begetteth a **wise child** shall have **joy of him**. Thy father and thy mother **shall be glad**, and she that bare thee shall **rejoice**. My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways.”
    - 1. The Role of the Children is to bring honor and joy to the family
  - ii. (Prov 17:21) “He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy.”

#### VIII. Conclusion

- a. God knows best – created the family
- b. Designed a proper working structure – We need to follow it
- c. We can have Peace! In the home!