

STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

LESSON 2

THE WIFE HER RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND PRIVILEGES

I.) The Wife's relationship to her husband.

A.) The wife is to love her husband.

(Titus 2:4)

Then they can train the younger women to love their husbands and children, (NIV)

1.) The wife is the husband's helper.

(Genesis 2:18)

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." (NIV)

2.) The wife is to respect her husband.

(Ephesians 5:33)

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. (NIV)

3.) The wife is to be in subjection.

(1Peter 3:5-6 NIV)

(5) For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, (6)like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

a.) He cannot rule the home unless you submit.

b.) The command is not for him to have you in submission; it is for you to submit.

4.) The wife is to obey her husband.

(Titus 2:5)

to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home,
to be kind, and to be subject (obedient NKJ) to their
husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.(NIV)

5.) The wife is subordinate.

(Ephesians 5:23)

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ
is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the
body. (NKJ)

6.) Because husband made first 1Tim. 2:12-13

(1Timothy 2:12-13 NKJ)

(12) And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over
a man, but to be in silence. (13) For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

7.) Because wife deceived 1Tim.2:14

(1 Timothy 2:14)

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman
being deceived, fell into transgression.(NKJ)

8.) Because made for man 1Corinthians. 11:8-9

(1Corinthians 11:8-9 NKJ)

(8) For man is not from woman, but woman from man. (9) Nor was
man created for the woman, but woman for the man.

9.) The wife should not usurp authority over a man.

(1 Timothy 2:12)

And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. (NKJ)

B.) A wife should be virtuous.

Proverbs 31:10)

Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth {is} far above rubies. (NKJ)

a.) Ruth

(Ruth 3:10)KJV

¹⁰And he said, Blessed *be* thou of the LORD, my daughter: *for* thou hast showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou requirest: for all the city of my people doth know that thou *art* a virtuous woman.

C.) A wife should be discreet.

(Titus 2:5 NIV)

to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

a.) Abigail

(1 Samuel 25:3)KJV

³Now the name of the man *was* Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance:

D.) A wife should be modest.

(1Peter 3:3-6 NIV) (3) Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. (4) Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. (5) For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, (6) like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

a.) Bathseba

(2 Samuel 11:2)KJV

²And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself;

and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon. ³And David sent and inquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite? ⁴And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

E.) Wives should maintain self control.

(Titus 2:5 NIV)

to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (NIV)

F.) Wives should be "homemakers."

(Proverbs 31:27)

She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness. (ASV)

(Titus 2:5 NIV)

to be self-controlled and pure, to be busy at home, to be kind, and to be subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God. (NIV)

G.) Wives should rule and guide the home.

(1 Timothy 5:14 NKJ)

Therefore I desire that {the} younger {widows} marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (NKJ)

a.) Clothe the family;

(Proverbs 31:13 KJV)

(13) She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.

(Proverbs 31:19 KJV)

(19) She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.

(Proverbs 31:21-22 KJV)

(21) She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household {are} clothed with scarlet. (22) She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing {is} silk and purple.

1Samuel 2:19 KJV)

(19) Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought {it} to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

b.) Feed family

(Proverbs 31:14-15 KJV)

(14) She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. (15) She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.

H.) Wives should bear children.

(Be willing to assume the role of motherhood.)

Bear Children Gen.3:16; 1Tim.2:15; 5:14

(1 Timothy 5:14 NIV)

So I counsel younger widows to marry, to have children, to manage their homes and to give the enemy no opportunity for slander.

(1 Timothy 2:15)

But women will be saved through childbearing - if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety. (NIV)

I.) Wives should assume the responsibilities that go along with being parent; by giving them a respectable FATHER!

(Hebrews 12:9 ASV)

(9) Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?

(Ephesians 6:1)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. (NKJ)

1.) They must have guidance to obey!

(1 Timothy 5:14)

Therefore I desire that {the} younger {widows} marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully. (NKJ)

J.) Wives, render unto husbands the affection they are due.

(1 Corinthians 7:3)

The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. (NIV)

1.) Stay with them

(Romans 7:2-3 KJV)

(2) For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to {her} husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of {her} husband. (3) So then if, while {her} husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

II.) Selecting a husband you can respect, submit to, honor, and obey

A.) There are many commitments in Marriage.

1.) Mutually shared

a.) Respect

b.) Love

c.) Trust-(complete confidence or faith),

PRO 31:11 Her husband has full confidence in her (NIV)

d.) A desire to please God

1CO 7:39 he must belong to the Lord. (NIV)

1CO 7:5 that you may devote yourselves to prayer.(NIV)

1PE 3:7 so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (NIV)

e.) A desire to please partner

(1Corinthians 7:33-34 NIV)

(33) a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world - how he can please his wife - (34) a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world how she can please her husband.

f.) A desire for eternal pleasure

g.) A desire for earthly pleasure

h.) Desire to be loved in return

i.) Desire for nearness, Companionship. Gen.2:18

j.) Desire for mutual possession

k.) Faithful Heb.13:4

III.) THE WORLD'S FAMILY PLAN.....

A.)Evolution vs. Creation

Origin of the Species Charles Darwin

B.)No God...No Divine Plan

"We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural....We can discover no divine purpose or providence for the human species..." Humanist Manifesto II, p.15,16.

C.)Women's Movement

Feminine Mystic Betty Freiden

"..Trapped in societies perceived role....must break out...achieve full potential...carrier..."

The Document: a Declaration of Feminism.

"Marriage has existed for the benefit of men and has been a legally sanctioned method of control over women...The end of the institution of marriage is a necessary condition for the liberation of women. Therefore, it is important for us to encourage women to leave their husbands and not to live individually with men....Now we know it is the institution that has failed us and we must work to destroy it..."

D.)Get her out of the home.

E.)Get her out of subjection to her husband.

1.)Destroy his authority.

- a.) Over his wife.
- b.) Over his children.
- c.) Over his property.

NO FAULT DIVORCE:

3.01 Texas Family Code; "On the petition of either party to a marriage, a divorce may be decreed without regard to fault if the marriage has become insupportable because of discord or conflict of personalities that destroys the legitimate ends of the marriage relationship and prevents any reasonable expectation of reconciliation."

Cruelty, adultery, Conviction of a felony, abandonment, living apart, confinement in mental institution.

SOLE MANAGING CONSERVATORSHIP: §14.02 "...A PARENT APPOINTED AS SOLE MANAGING CONSERVATOR OF THE CHILD RETAINS ALL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, DUTIES, AND POWERS OF A PARENT TO THE EXCLUSION OF THE OTHER PARENT."

C.) Get rid of her inhibitions.

-Revolution: Tomorrow is NOW (handbook of the National Organization for Women p.20)

"NOW endorses the principle that it is the basic right of every woman to control her reproductive life, and therefore supports the furthering of the sexual revolution of our century by pressing for widespread sex education, provision of birth control information and contraceptives, and repeal of all laws restricting abortion, contraception, and sexual activity between consenting adults in private.

The Document: declaration of feminism.

"Liberated sexuality is freedom from oppressive sexual stereo-typing. The freedom to choose heterosexuality, homosexuality, bi-sexuality, or asexuality, but not be bound by them..."

IV.) LAW PROVES GOD'S PLAN FITS TODAY'S WOMAN.

A.) Woman is a Weaker vessel.

- 1.) Violence against women.
- 2.) Special exceptions for women.
 - a.) physical standards.
 - military.
 - civilian job market.

B.) Mothers are Keepers at Home.

- 1.) Federally funded day care.

2.)Year round school.

3.)Kindergarten pre-school.

4.)Maternity leave.

C.)Man is the Provider.

1.)Alimony.

2.)Child support.

3.)A.F.D.C.

4.)Affirmative action.

D.) Sex should only occur within marriage.

A mother & child need a father.

1.)Paternity suits;

The Changing Face Of Child Support Enforcement; U.S.Department of Health and Human Services; Re: Family Support Act of 1988 (P.L.100-485)"On the average day 1,295 babies are born to girls under 20 years old. More than half of the teens who give birth are single when the child is born. Since 1970, births to unmarried teens have increased from 30.4 percent of all births to teens to 64 percent in 1987. Teen mothers are three time more likely to be single parents than women who delay childbearing until their twenties, and are twice as likely to divorce or separate if they do marry. Unwed teen mothers are most likely to need A.F.D.C., child support, and paternity services. 73 percent of unmarried teens receive welfare within 4 years."

"In 1987, more than 24 percent of all live births were nonmarital. This figure is almost double the 1970 rate of only 11 percent. Nearly 50 percent of the households receiving AFDC are born to unmarried parents. In some jurisdictions, the rate is as high as 80 percent.

2.)Child support

The Family Support Act of 1988 stresses that child support is a key to welfare reform;

Encouraging; self-sufficiency sexual responsibility responsibility for their children

Preventing:

"..progression from adolescent sexual activity, to pregnancy, childbirth, and welfare dependence."

V.) CONCLUSION

ORDERLY vs. CONFUSION

Law of Moses

Chapter 18 deals with sexual perversions.

(Leviticus 18:23 ASV)

(23) And thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie

down thereto: it is confusion.

LEV 20:12 And if a man lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. (ASV)

(Romans 1:32 ASV)

(32) who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them. (have pleasure KJV) (Approve and applaud Amp.NT.)

(Matthew 5:14 ASV)

(14) Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

(1Timothy 3:15 ASV)

(15) but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.