

Nature of Roles Man and Woman!

Man was the ruler of the garden (Gen. 2:15) because God made him that way. Man cannot help but to rule over all that is beneath him. Man rules his wife, home, earth and children since God put within him a nature that will do nothing else but rule. The regenerated man in Christ Jesus has this new nature and when man knows it, then will he be able to live it. Man is looking for a helper to serve under his authority by agreeing with him to serve God according to the work that God has prepared for him to do. Adam worked the land and took care of the plants and managed the animals because they were under his domain. Man is by nature a manager, ruler, teacher and a king of his domain. This is part of the nature and character that God put within man when he was created. If men do not know the true nature that they have received from God then how can they live according to the truth of the very life that they have received from God? Your role is your identity, it describes the natural design you have from God. Your role says who you are. When you think of father you have a certain picture of a man who is mature, wise and has more self-control than younger men.

In Genesis chapter two verse sixteen man has freedom in the garden to enjoy the fruits of his labor. Man received instructions from God in verse seventeen to not eat of a certain tree. Man has within himself the very nature of self-control and discipline to obey a wise command from God. One of the characteristics of man is self-control. Man has control over his own thoughts, desires and needs. In verse eighteen we find that man by nature desires company similar and yet different to himself. We also learn something about woman and that she is by nature a support to the man. She does not do her own thing but supports the man in all that he does and who he is as the leader in her life.

Read verse nineteen to find that God brought the animals before Adam and waited for him to name all of them. Man is creative by nature that can discern by the shape and activity of the animal the appropriate name for each animal.

The very nature that is within man is one of intelligence accompanied by wisdom with great discernment in order to name the animals. The name of anything will describe the character and nature of it. In the Old Testament the name of people meant something and described something about their personality. Men are much more qualified to give names than women because of the kind of nature that God put within them. Women today want to give names to their babies that are cute and have a nice sound attached to the name. God wants names that are descriptive of their personality. Men are the ones that should be naming children, places and things because they are better suited for this task. Naming your child should be done after the baby is born so you can look at the person and watch to see something about them that would describe them to others.

Man by natural design of God has a sharp mind to calculate and comprehend the correct name for each animal. God gave man a logically discerning mind to know certain things that a woman could never know without a man to teach her.

Women are the weaker vessel (1 Pet. 3:7) and are in need of wisdom that men bring to them. Also in the verse we find the first mention of man's name being Adam. This is where God first named man so he would be qualified to name the animals.

Now we come to verse twenty where Adam actually names all of the animals. This happened before woman was created. Adam was created first. The nature of being first is one who has more authority over the second. First created implies greater in power in many ways. The first being is the leader of the group. Man is capable in mind, body and spirit to lead the woman in the right way.

Man was given logic from God and is a part of the masculine and women are primarily emotional beings.

In verses 21 & 22 of Genesis chapter two: God creates woman by taking apart or a piece of man in order to fashion the woman into the creature of beauty that she is. Women are a piece of man and by natural design they support and compliment the man in his authority over her because he is above her in logic and authority by natural design. This is why he is called the head of woman in Ephesians chapter five.

Women by natural design are submissive to men because of the headship that God placed within man and this role of submissiveness is at the heart and the very character of woman.

Adam gives the name of this beautiful creature in verse 23 of woman because she came from man and the name is appropriate to its meaning. Men are qualified to name people and animals because of the logic that God gave them. Many women today give names to their children that are cute and without meaning. Women live out of their emotions more than reason because that is their nature. Husband and fathers should do the naming of children because that is their role and nature. The Bible says that woman was created for man; therefore the man has a degree of ownership towards the woman. This is why man rules over the woman as well as the earth and animals. Women can only join in that authority (over children, earth and animals) by being submissive to their husbands listening to the instructions given to her by man as to the way things are carried out. Women never have authority over men because that would go against natural design of who they really are. Men love women and lead them into the good things of life because of the very nature they have from God. Men are primarily leaders and women are primarily submissive to men as it is within their characters.

We learn more about the nature of man and woman in Genesis chapter 3 describing the differences. The first verse in this chapter describes the nature of the devil. His character is one of a deceiver and one who goes after the weaker one. The devil did not approach the Leader of the Garden but went to the weaker vessel (1 Peter 3:7). God designed woman to be the weaker vessel compared to man. The stronger vessel is man in physical appearance, logic, wisdom and order. The woman is not capable of dealing with the logic of the serpent without her husband. The woman being led by her emotions wandered away from Adam to look at an attractive tree filled with good fruit. This was woman's first mistake. The serpent was permitted in the garden because God allowed him to be there in order for man to have a true test of obedience towards God.

God gave Adam instructions concerning the tree of knowledge of good and evil and Adam passed on the instructions to the woman. The woman not having the logic or memory of man did not remember all of the details concerning the tree. When the devil questioned the woman about eating from the tree she added that they were not even to touch the tree. Women do not have the comprehension that men have when understanding the instructions of life and are dependent upon men. The instructions had to do with not eating of the tree (Gen. 2:17). The actions from the woman were based on the nature she received from God upon creation. This description of woman is not critical in any way nor are the actions of woman evil from her intentions. She did make some mistakes but that was because of her failure to follow man.

The devil knew that the woman was more of an emotional being than man was and appealed to her in that sense. You will read in verse 4 that the woman began to think of her own pleasure of eating the fruit then the command of God. This kind of thinking is similar to the flesh as mentioned in the book of 1 John 2:16. Compare the statements in Genesis and 1 John on the fall into sin. The lust of the eyes is what the woman had when she considered that the fruit looked good. The pride of life is what the woman began to experience when she wanted to be like God. The lust of the flesh is what the woman experienced when she wanted some food (verse 6) to eat, regardless of where it came from. Women lack self control when their emotions take over, this is why they need a man's guidance. There was much food in the Garden and the tree of knowledge of good and evil was off limits. Using logic that men have they would of gone to another part of the garden to eat from a different tree. Women by nature think in terms of now and do not plan as well as man or consider all of the consequences of their actions. Women need the leadership of man in order to function healthy and have productive lives here on earth. Women usual think of the immediate gratification they receive from life rather than the long term. This is why the woman could not wait to eat the fruit from the wrong tree.

The woman being the weaker vessel as she is will display this in character when she thinks of herself more than what God wants.

Woman by nature is more self-centered than men are. When the man sees that the woman ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil he ate also not thinking of himself in that he was going to die but thinking of the woman who was about to die and said that he loved her and was going to die with her, not thinking of the life he could have had by not eating of the forbidden fruit. Man is truly the stronger vessel and that is how God made him. Man was simply acting out of the nature that was within him when laying down his life. Men are willing to die for causes that they believe are good. Women are not so willing to die and that is evident when there is a war going on because they do not want any of their children going into battle because they act more emotional about these things. Men by nature are willing to die. Men by nature will provide and protect their woman and that is why Adam ran to rescue his woman from the serpent only to find out that she already ate of the fruit. Women need to stay by their man in order to have this provision and protection. Adam would have had some other fruit for his woman if Eve would have followed his leading. Adam was a type of Christ laying down his life for his wife like Christ (Rom. 5:14) did for the church. This illustration in Genesis of woman shows also that women are prone more to deception than men because she was easily swayed from the truth by her emotions. A strong vessel will respond to truth above feelings. God gave men the essential logic and wisdom necessary to live on this earth to rule over all including the woman. The nature that man and woman received before the fall was original design and was intended to remain in their entire lives and continue to all generations till the end of life on the earth.

1 Tim. 2:11-15 "Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. For Adam was formed first, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control."

This passage of scripture in 1 Timothy is not being critical of woman nor is it pronouncing punishment upon her but it is simply describing the nature that she has been given by God.

When you understand this passage of scripture in First Timothy chapter two on the men's and women's role and the very nature of men and women you will be able to understand all related passages of scriptures dealing with the nature of man and woman and their roles because this passage of scripture is the very foundation of truth in the whole Bible explaining the men's and women's role and nature that we have received from God. All other verses in the Bible dealing with the subject of the women's role and their nature derive their meaning from this passage (1 Tim. 2:11-14) of scripture when God states that women are not to teach or have authority over men. You cannot fully understand the nature of men and women or their roles until you know this passage of scripture. How do I know that this passage of scripture is the very foundation on the role and nature of man and woman? God reverts back to the foundation of man and woman in this passage when He takes us to the beginning of their existence when He created man and woman and states who they really are. The scripture says that Adam was first formed and this is foundational as to the nature of man and that Eve was formed second and this is foundational pertaining to the nature of woman. Beginnings are foundational to the truth of the original design of something and this should never be changed. This is what God is teaching us in this passage of scripture. Read in First John when the writer states the importance of biblical truth coming from the (MK 10:6 & 1 JN 1:1) beginning. Beginnings are the basis for truth and the way things were meant to be and remain until the end of time. This is why we must understand the original design from the beginning in order to understand the true nature we have received from God. Christ died on the cross to restore us to the original design that pertains to our true nature of man and woman.

1. Women by nature are quiet and speak very little. This is something that God put within woman from the beginning of creation. This characteristic is apart of the new nature not the old nature caused by sin. In 1 Peter 3:4 woman is described as having a meek and quiet spirit. Women are submissive to men by nature. Women respect men and are willing to serve men as unto Christ.

Women want guidance from men and will obey them by the nature that they received from God. You will notice that women of the world are completely the opposite.

The world is not our model for truth only the Word of God. When women are born-again and receive true teaching from the Bible then they can learn who they are in Christ and live out of the new nature that Christ has given them and it is the same as the original design taught in the book of Genesis before the fall. You cannot be who you are until you know who you really are and this knowledge comes from God written in His Word, which is truth.

2. Men by nature are teachers and women are by nature learners. Men have the logic, understanding, wisdom and comprehension to explain things and are much better teachers than women because of the authority given them by God to teach. Women have some ability to teach but not with the authority that a man has. Women have the capabilities to teach younger women and children but never a man. Men have been given power and authority over women, children, earth, animals and some men who may be under their rank like a Pastor over a deacon. Men have power within their spirit that when they speak others listen. Like a lion that roars and the other animals respond. Women were not given this same natural power and so their role is a lesser one than men.

Men are physically larger and stronger than women in order to exercise authority over women. Women are to listen to men: that is what it means to be in silence. Men have the voices to be heard that is why God called them to teach and preach the Word. Not all men are equal in authority. This is why Jesus said that some would be rulers over a few cities and some would be rulers over many cities. There will be one man to the left of Christ ruling and one to the right when He comes back to complete His reign. Only God the Father knows who they will be because God created them for this position of authority.

3. Adam was formed first and has more authority than Eve. The first is always greater than the second in God's Kingdom. This is how we are to live also as believers in Christ. Men and women are equal in the sense that they both are human beings, but they are not equal in power and authority.

God made men for a particular task in life and women for a different task in order to express His Kingdom. In the Kingdom of God there is rank. God is at the top, then men, then women, then children, then animals and then the earth. There is even rank in the Godhead. The Father is the greatest.

I think that this is fantastic that in this passage of scripture in 1 Timothy; God takes us back to the original design of man and woman by recalling to us the truths mentioned in the book of Genesis so we would have understanding of the different roles that men and women have by natural design. In other words women do not teach or have authority over men because God did not create them to have this quality. The second created is always submissive to the first.

4. Adam was not deceived because this is not apart of his character or design as a man. Eve was deceived because she was not given the kind of logic, wisdom, understanding, order and the ability to explain accurate information that a man has by nature. Women were given the ability to enjoy beauty and experience the things on earth with great feeling capacity. Women want to be taught and to be ruled over with love. Women were created so that men could have someone to love, provide, protect and enjoy the beautiful nature of woman. Women were primarily created for the man. Man was created directly for God (I Corinthians 11) himself. The main desire of women is towards the man.

Understanding the nature of men and women will help us live as the people we are before God in right relationship with God and each other.

When the Bible talks about women not being able to teach or have authority over man, it is not giving us rules and regulations to live by. We are not under the law but under grace. What the Bible is telling us is that God and man are relational beings. The Bible teaches us about the kind of nature God has as well as the nature of men and women. When we read the Bible we need to think in terms of relationship because that is what Christ died on the cross for.

Christ's death gives us a better relationship with the Father and man.

Our old nature is dead and buried with Christ. We need to live out of the new nature that we have received from Christ. The Bible teaches us about this new nature that we have.

If we do not know about the new nature that we have then we cannot live out of this new creation in Christ Jesus.

The Bible is not a book of rules and regulations. Christians are not under the bondage of the law to live according to a system. The Bible is a book about the nature of God, men and women. The Bible is designed to enhance our relationship with God and with each other. When we approach the Bible we need to think in terms of relationship. The trinity is a family of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Father will always be the Father having supreme authority over the Son and the Son will always be submissive to the Father because this is their very nature not because they have to but because this is Who they are. Oneness never changes role.

In like manner in this age man will always be man and woman will always be woman because of the nature that God has built in each one of us. Man will always be the one who has authority over his wife and woman will always be submissive to her husband by the new nature given to each by God when they are born-again. In the Book of Ephesians chapter five it says that the husbands are the Head of their wife and this is something that men do not have to do but something that they are by nature. Men are born leaders by the very nature that God put within them.

The very meaning of the term headship implies over something. Men are higher and above their wives when it comes to authority. Men are the rulers in the home, workplace and the church because God gave them a rational mind that could bring order to any situation. This is why men are governors, managers and administrators. Women did not receive this kind of thinking. The Bible says in First Timothy Chapter two that the woman was deceived by the serpent. Women do not have this rational mind linked with authority to debate with a man or demon. Women relate more out of emotions and feelings by natural design received from God and lack the higher reasoning that God gave to man.

Jesus Who is a man as well as God spoke to satan during His temptation and defeated him by using scripture rationally and correctly from that rational mind God gave man.

This is why it is important for men to be leaders in all areas of life. God gave man a new nature of a rational mind and great authority over all the earth unlike that of woman. Women are helpmates and submissive by nature and when they live out of this new nature they are one with man in purpose and complement their husbands.

When the Bible says that Jesus is our Shepard, it is not telling us to make Jesus the Shepard of our lives (which would be a rule) but it is stating to us the nature of God and that He is the one Who watches over us and protects us and provides all we need. Knowing who God is helps us better relate to Him because we are able to trust in Him more by knowing His good nature and we can rest in the kind of character He has towards us.

This approach helps us to receive His love on a daily basis.

In order to know how to relate better to one another it is necessary to know who we are in Christ. Christians have a new nature from God when they receive Christ as their Lord and Savior and live out of who they are created to be. Our old nature is dead and buried when Christ was buried. What we need to know is a description of our old nature and a description of our new nature in order to know who we really are. All of scripture defines the nature of God, man and woman. We can live out of the new nature. As a man thinks (Prov. 23:7) about himself, he will live out of that thinking. If a man thinks that he is wise he live as a wise man. When the Bible says in the Book of Ephesians chapter five "wives submit to your husbands", this is not something that wives have to do but something that women are by nature. Women by the new birth of the Spirit have a natural design by God that makes their character a submissive personality towards male leadership. When a Christian woman is living in rebellion towards male authority she is living out of a belief that this is the correct character in which she should live. She may have pick up this knowledge from the world and by some of the people she associates with that do not live in the truth of the Bible as their definition of what the new and true nature of woman is.

Whatever you believe about who you are will be the way you live. Some people have a true concept about themselves according to the Bible and some do not.

I believe men are leaders and teachers by nature because that is the way God made man in the beginning. Adam named all of the animals and managed the garden. He did this not because God told him to act this way but because it was the very nature inside of him that caused him to lead. This nature was given him by God when He created Adam. You can only do what is natural if life is to be fulfilling. When we live outside of our natural design then there is always disharmony. Women were not created to have authority over man or to teach them because God gave them a different nature. The Bible says in 1 Peter Chapter three that women received a meek and quiet spirit. Women are not to act meek and quiet because that would be a law but they are to live out of the new nature given to them by Christ Jesus when they were born-again. You will live the way you believe. When women believe that the new nature that they have is a meek and quiet one then that is the way they will live. As a man thinks so he is. If you do not know who you are in Christ and the nature that God gave you then you will not be able to live with full potential the person who you are. Find out the nature that God has given you in Christ Jesus. I have just given you the foundation.

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1 Tim. 2:9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing,

Commentary: In like manner women are to pray also for their families, children and the church. Women have a similar role of prayer but with less authority. Women do not instruct, counsel or teach men with their prayers. Women are to intercede for men that the authority of God would flow through them (Men) bringing the Kingdom of God to the earth.

Women are to dress themselves in a Godly way showing moderation in their appearance. This kind of appearance will show more of the woman's heart containing a meek and quiet spirit that she has received from God to be a female (1 Pet. 3:4). Women do not display a Godly character exposing their appearance with uncovered parts of their body in public. I'm not talking about the obvious, but I'm referring to the legs, chest and upper arms. The female body is to be seen by her husband only. Many women today try to draw attention to their bodies

instead of displaying Christ Who is in their heart to others. God gave a beautiful spirit to women and this is what is to be seen more than the outward. You can have jewels and gold in your attire and look rich on the outside and have not the character of a woman that has true beauty in her spirit (Prov. 11:22). Women are to dress so their appearance is attractive but with moderation keeping their bodies veiled for their husbands. Sarah is the example of the woman that God wants in the church today (see 1 Pet. 3:1-7). God wants Christian women to model themselves after Sarah in beauty and character of meekness, quietness and submissiveness. This kind of feminine character will draw souls into the Kingdom of God.

1 Tim. 2:10 but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.

Commentary: Women's attire will portray either ungodliness or godliness. The external is a reflection of the internal heart of the person. There are three characteristics of a Christian woman according to First Peter chapter three: meekness, quietness and submissiveness. Women by nature are creatures of few words; yet many women are not in touch with their true selves and have much talking (Prov. 10:19). Women today need to put on this spirit of quietness. This is a choice and it will take an act of the will to yield to the Holy Spirit to be a real woman. Women by nature serve men especially born again women who walk in the Spirit (Gen. 3:16-the husband will rule over the wife). Titus 2:5 say that wives are to obey their husbands and in so doing the Word of God will be powerful in the Church and community. Women who do not take on these characteristics are in the flesh and are not displaying the godly nature that they have received from God. When women put on the godly character that they have received from the Holy Spirit then the church and the world will see a manifestation of the Kingdom of God. Women are to have good works before God and man. Read First Timothy chapter Five verse ten to see some of the good works that women do that please God very much. They are raising children, taking in travelers, washing the saints feet and ministering to the sick. It is sad to see many Christian women today acting like men and trying to serve Christ by

taking on the role of a man. Christian women are to be feminine and live out of the nature that God gave them instead of the world. Women are not to become Pastors of churches but they are to serve God out of the new spirit that God placed within them like that of Sarah (1Pet. 3:4-meek and quiet spirit). How are women to serve God? By doing what it says in Titus 2:4-5: They are to teach the younger women three things out of their homes: to have godly thinking, to love their husbands and to love their children. Older women are to teach only younger women and children. Verse five says that they are to be homemakers. A homemaker is a godly woman who pleases the Lord and brings the Kingdom of God to the earth by her actions of obedient to the Lord Jesus displayed by submitting to her husband. These are the kinds of works that God has called women to do and this brings glory to God. These verses do not give us any indication about modest clothing being a covering for a woman's head. See commentary below on God's design for a covering He provides upon the head of women.

1Cr 11:4 Every man praying or prophesying, having [his] head covered, dishonors his head.

Commentary: There is no mention here about a piece of cloth as being a covering. God gave men and women a natural covering for their heads and it is called hair. 1 Cr 11:14 tells us what kind of covering men are not to place on their heads. Men are not to have long hair because that would dishonor their heads, because long hair according to the Bible is a COVERING. Short hair is no covering. Men are to have short hair because it is no covering.

1Cr 11:5 But every woman that prays or prophesies with [her] head uncovered dishonors her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.

Commentary: There is no mention here about a piece of cloth as being a covering. God gave men and women a natural covering for their heads and it is called hair. This particular verse makes mention of the kind of covering that God wants placed upon women's heads and it is long hair (1Cr 11:15). When God compares shaven with uncovered that is a clue as to the kind of covering He wants. The word shaven in this verse is a reference to hair not a piece of cloth.

Why would God provide you with a natural covering for your head and then tell you to put a piece of cloth on top of your already natural covering? This whole chapter is speaking of the natural covering that God has given you from your birth. A woman's main spiritual covering is her Husband. Her submissive attitude places her under the greatest protection, because God honors His established authority. Remember short hair is no covering and long hair is a covering. The real message that the writer is addressing is that there is no need of a piece of cloth for you're covering because God has given you a natural covering when He gave you hair.

1Cr 11:6 For if the woman be not covered, let her also be shorn: but if it be a shame for a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be covered.

Commentary: The women's covering is her long hair and to be uncovered is to have short hair or shaven. There is no biblical example of a woman praying in the Bible using a piece of cloth to cover her head.

Many of these manmade customs started many years after the early church and really do not have a place in the church. You can see that the reference to the covering is associated with the hair or why would the term shorn or shaven be used to describe the kind of covering that God does not want.

1Cr 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover [his] head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man.

Commentary: A man is to have short hair so that he is not covered upon his head. This uncovering that a man has will display the Glory of God in his life. The man's wife being in submission brings glory to the man. The man as head of the home with God's authority is a picture of God's glory.

1Cr 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on [her] head because of the angels.

Commentary: A woman's submission to her husband and obedience to God's Holy Word to have long hair as a covering gives her power in her Christian walk while she prays. Let the whole spiritual existence see your devotion to God.

1Cr 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

Commentary: Even God's natural way of giving us hair should be recognized by us as His way of covering and uncovering us to His Mighty Glory. Men are not to shame themselves with long hair.

1Cr 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for [her] hair is given her for a covering.

Commentary: This verse clearly states that the hair is a covering or non-covering. Long hair is a covering for women. Short hair is no covering at all. There is no reference to a piece of cloth used as a covering in the entire Bible when praying to God. Long hair for a woman lets the Glory of God shine into her life. There really is no indication that a separate piece of cloth is required to cover a woman's head while praying in the whole Bible. Women, demonstrate your love for God and let your hair be long.

The Bible is the only book we as Christians should use to determine truth. Writings on history and the culture are not 100% accurate but the Bible is. We obey God's Word out of our Love for Christ and nothing else.

1 Tim. 2:11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission.

Commentary: Women are to be silent when the church comes together (1 COR. 14:34) to function as the body of Christ with God's government of male authority. First of all we need to find a biblical definition for the word silence and that is found in 1 COR. 14:34. Silence means not to speak and to be obedient to male authority. When a man is teaching God's Holy Word in the church all women are to be silent. Women are to learn God's Word primarily at home from their husbands as he teaches them (1 COR. 14:35). Women are to speak at home but not in the church. Women can fellowship at home with their husbands and friends and speak freely about God but cannot teach men anywhere. A husband is to be the main teacher in the life of his wife. Pastors and teachers in the body of Christ are part of a woman's education but the husband is the most important teacher in her life because of his authority over her. A husband has more authority over his wife than the Pastor of the church (1 COR. 11:1-15). A Godly Pastor will not bypass a husband's authority when exhorting that man's wife.

The next thing we need to understand is where women are not permitted to speak. The place of silence for women is when the whole church comes together as a body to function with God's government here on earth. Read 1COR. 1:10, 5:4, 11:18, 11:33, and 14:23 and you will see that Paul is talking about the whole church coming together. These passages use phrases like: join together, gather together and come together. Some of these passages say when the whole church comes together. The instructions taught in the book of First Corinthians are built around the whole church coming together as the functioning body of Christ of men and women. This is important to know in order to know when and where women are to speak. The church is not a place for women to speak. When the men are judging prophesy the women are to be silent and learn at home the doctrine that is being taught from male prophesy given in the church. Women are to exercise All submissiveness to male authority especially when the whole church comes together. The Kingdom of God is present when men walk in this kind of authority over their wives. A woman's covering or protection against evil is her husband's authority over the enemy (1 COR. 11:10). A wife is vulnerable to attacks from the enemy without her husband's authority. A wife who is submissive to her husband places herself under God's protection from evil. When a man submits to his Pastor he has protection from God against evil. Women are to obey their husbands in everything (Eph. 5:24). This is what it means to have All submission in the church. The husband of his wife is like the King of the castle. This is the picture we need in our homes and churches. Kingship is the design that God has for the church and home. This will bring the Kingdom of God to the earth. When it comes to authority men and women are not equal. Men have a greater authority then women do in the home and church. The church and the home are to be like a kingdom. Marriage is not a partnership of equal authority. There are not husband and wife teams in ministry within the church. In Acts 18:26 Aquila and Priscilla showed Apollos the complete story of Jesus. Aquila did the teaching and Priscilla supported her husband with prayer and submissiveness. This passage is an historical account and not doctrine to live by. Aquila was a companion of Paul and knew the truth of God's government

here on earth with male leadership only in the church. Husband and wife receive the same rewards for their service unto God as they do this within their roles. The only teams and partnerships taught (as a doctrine) in the bible are two men going out and ministering as Jesus sent them out. This is sound doctrine when men of equal authority join together for the same cause of the gospel. You will have more authority in your life over the enemy when you are submissive to God's established authority here on earth as unto the Lord Jesus Christ!

1 Tim. 2:12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

Commentary: Women are not to teach or exercise authority over men in the church and at home. Teaching and using authority is the same thing. Jesus taught with authority (Mk. 1:22). When you teach you are using authority over an individual to get them to a place of maturity. Teaching someone involves giving instructions that are to be carried out similar to that of being in the military.

Teaching includes giving commands (1 Tim. 4:11) to someone that is under you in rank. Look at Matthew 28:18-20 to see that the disciples could teach because they had authority from Jesus to do so. This authority and the command to teach are given only to men. God has given men more authority than women (2 COR. 10:8). You can see how closely teaching and authority are related to each other. Jesus commanded the disciples to teach. This is not an option. Men are to teach with authority. You can only teach someone that is under you because people have different ranks of authority based on God's Word. Mark 6:2 says that Jesus taught showing wisdom and mighty works by His hands. When men teach there is to be a demonstration of power showing mighty works with signs and wonders by their hands. Women do not have this same kind of power and authority. See 1 Pet. 3:7 where God says that women are the weaker vessel, meaning physical stature and spiritual power and authority. This is why men are a covering for their wives of protection and blessings.

God wants women to be silent in the churches so He can display His power and authority by bringing the Kingdom of God to the earth through men. Men are the glory of God not women (1COR. 11:7). Women are the glory of man. This is a

relationship of respect to the authority that is over you. When God says that women are to be silent in the church He means for them not to speak as I explained in the previous verse.

Women are not to speak in church when the whole congregation is gathered (1 Cor. 14:34-35) because men are present and women are to show reverence to God by honoring men when they teach, preach and use their authority to bring order. The definition of the word silence is given in these two verses of scriptures and it means: NOT TO SPEAK! There are no other verses in the Bible that cancel out these two verses in First Corinthians chapter fourteen. Women are not to speak in Church when men are present. Look at 1 Corinthians 11:4-5 where it says that women are to be covered when prophesying. Some say that women do this when the whole congregation is assembled. The scriptures do not support this teaching because that would be a contradiction within the Word of God. In 1 Corinthians chapter eleven the setting is a men's or women's prayer meeting or some other kind of gathering that included men only or women only. This setting also included individual men and women going to the sanctuary alone to pray at different times of the day. Women are not to teach (1 Tim. 2:12) men or have any kind of authority over men so they cannot prophesy when the whole congregation is assembled. They are to be silent. In 1 Corinthians 11:17 & 20 God is giving instructions for when the whole congregation is gathered. In these verses it uses the phrase: when you come together. First Corinthians chapter eleven up to verse sixteen is a different kind of setting. Starting with verse seventeen the setting changes. The scriptures are now talking about when the whole congregation is assembled. There are instructions on the Lord's table when the whole church is assembled, the use of spiritual gifts when the whole church is assembled and instructions on tongues and prophecies when the whole church is assembled all the way through chapter fourteen. Women are to be silent and not to speak at all when the whole church is assembled. Older women are to teach the younger women (Titus 2:3-5). When do the older women teach the younger women? They do not do this teaching when the whole congregation is assembled because men would be present. Older women teach younger women

one on one and in small gatherings of women only. They do not teach doctrine because God has designed men to teach doctrine. The passage of scripture taught in Titus chapter two states the topics that older women are to teach the younger. These topics are: alertness of mind, love their husbands and children, to be discreet, chaste and keepers at home, goodness and to be obedient to their husbands. Women can read the Bible to younger women and children and tell some of the stories within it to their children and to younger women, but the teaching of doctrine belongs to the man of the house. The husband teaches the children and the wife the doctrine (2 Tim. 2:2) of the Bible.

Look at Ephesians 4:8-11 to see that the gifts given by God belong to men only. The gifts are: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers in the body of Christ that God has given only to men. The Greek word for men in this passage is a gender word for male only. There are Greek words for women and mankind (male and female) but these words are not listed in this passage.

The Greek word used for men in Eph. 4:8 is "anthropos" and either means men only or mankind. We cannot stop here and guess. We need further study in order to know who is really being addressed. A good understanding of Greek grammar construction of the passage will determine the gender of the word. The easiest way to know the gender of anthropos is to find out whom the author is addressing by looking at the whole passage of the text. Read Eph. 4:7 where Paul says that "us" have received gifts from of Christ. The word "us" is an indicator of who is being addressed in verse eight as men. Paul the author of the book under the influence of the Holy Spirit is a man and an Apostle. Paul is included in "us". The "us" used here is referring to men only because Apostles have the nature of a man. All of the Apostles of Christ were men. Verse seven is talking about Christ being here on earth and giving the Apostles gifts of healing etc. Then in verse eight Christ is being ascended up to heaven and giving "us" that is men only gifts of Apostles and Prophets etc. as mentioned in verse eleven. In verse eleven the first gift was an Apostle who was always a man and the continuation of the verse is referring also to men only as being Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers in the Church. Women do not have gifting and roles as Pastors and

Teachers in the home and the church. These five offices mentioned are for men only to bring about edification to the body of Christ.

Women are to teach in the home only to younger women and children (Titus 2:3-5). These are the things that women are to teach: sober thinking, love for their husbands, love for their children, discretion, being chaste, homemakers, goodness, obedient to their husbands so the Word of God is not evil spoken of. When women teach in the church the presence of God with His Kingdom is not present because women did not receive this kind of authority from God.

Women's speaking in the church causes the Word of God to be ineffective in the church and world. This means that the Word of God will lack power to transform lives into people of God. Men are to teach doctrine expounding on the Word of God and showing the truth of the scriptures. Men are to teach women the bible at home and the church. God gets glory when men teach because His authority comes through them bringing the Kingdom of God to the earth with signs and wonders following the preached word. Women are not gifted to do this. Their (women) calling is to be a support to man with obedience and prayer instructing younger women to do the same.

Women are to show honor and respect to God's authority here on earth by serving man. Read Ephesians 5:33 to see that God wants women to reverence their husbands. This means to bow before them showing honor and respect as if he is Christ (Eph. 5:22). Women are to treat their husbands like Christ, Who is the King of all. Men are a type of Christ (Rom. 5:14). Jesus compared Himself to Adam because Adam was a type of Christ saving his wife and delivering her from evil.

Men are the kings here on earth in the home and the church. The church needs to look like the Kingdom of God with men reigning as kings in the home and church bringing God's authority to save mankind. Men are the glory of God not women (1 COR. 11:7). Women are the glory of man, which means to reverence

the authority that is over you so you will shine in his presence. Women have a spiritual protection and umbrella of blessings by submitting to the authority that is over them (men). Men need to quit being like King Ahab and tell Jezebel to be

silent in the church and home. Men get their authority from God and need to display that authority here on earth by bringing the Kingdom of God to mankind. Men have sinned by encouraging women to teach and Pastor in the church. Men have also encouraged women to be in roles of management, administrative, worship leader and other authority roles over men. Men need to repent of this in order for them to have the authority and power of God. God teaches headship which is similar to kingship in the home and the church (Eph. 5:23). Men do not submit to women and women are not equal to men when it comes to authority. God does not want a partnership within the home. God does not want husband and wife teams running ministries. Oneness is in faith believing for the same thing. Oneness and equality in a relationship are in character and value. Oneness does not cancel out the role you have to live in the Kingdom of God here on earth. Say you have a mother who is 30 years old and she is a Christian, and she has a son who is 10 years old and a Christian. Can this boy who is a Christian of 10 years old say to his mother that he no longer has to obey her because he is a Christian? After all, the boy is a male and the mother is a female and all are one in Christ. This is what would have to happen in our homes if Oneness cancels out God's Authority that Man has to rule his home. This would mean that there would be no submission anywhere one to another. This would also mean that we as Christians would not have to submit to Christ because we are all One. We are all created in the image of God but not all of us have the same authority. God blesses all the same based on our obedience to Him (Gal. 3:26-29). Our role and the authority we have are based on the kind of government that God has instituted in His Holy Word for the church to follow. God gives authority and the measure of authority to whom He will and when He states who has this authority and the level of it, He cannot change His committed Word, which is the Bible.

Galatians 3:29 is saying that Christians inherit God's blessings. When it comes to receiving God's blessings you only have to be born-again. God does not see male or female when it comes to giving His blessings, all He sees is Christ in you and the blessings of Abraham are upon you. There is no difference between male and female when it comes to receiving God's blessings. God blesses all His children the same but has a different role for men and women and the work they are to do.

When it comes to church order, authority and headship God sees a difference between male and female. Men are the Head of the home and not women. God sees a difference (Eph. 5:23).

What about Deborah being a judge over Israel? God can make exceptions to His Kingdom whenever He wants. Now to understand what God means by exceptions is clearly understood by the example of Deborah. An exception to God is a change on His order for a higher purpose that happens once in four thousand years. Deborah is the only example in the bible of a person in more

than four thousand years of having some authority over man. The reason why God raised up Deborah as a leader was to provoke men to jealousy. God wanted a man leader but at the time none were willing to step into leadership. God also was judging Israel for sin. Read Judges 5:7 and you will see that even the authority that God gave her was a lesser authority than He gives to men. God says that she was like a mother to Israel, which means more of a role like a queen. Kings have higher authority than queens. We live by God's Word and His teachings not by exceptions. God's Holy Word is a book in which we live by with all obedience. Christians need to quit going to God's Word like a lawyer looking for a legal loophole so they can do what they want. God is not going to overlook this sin of female leadership and the lack of male leadership in the church any more (Acts 17: 30). God wants women silent in the church and commands men to preach and teach with all authority the Word of the living God in truth. We all have our roles and calling of God to serve Him better with the kind of order He wants. Look at Acts chapter 10 and see why the angel of God did not give the message of salvation to Cornelius. Simple, this is not part of their role. The message of salvation was commissioned by Jesus to be sent out by His disciples, anyone who is a follower of Christ and they do so out of their roles in which God created them. The Godhead has roles within themselves. The Father, The Son and the Holy Spirit. Do a study and you will see that there are things

that only the Father does and only the Son does (serves The Father not the other way around) and the Holy Spirit does. Who died on the Cross-? Was it the Father or the Holy Spirit? I think you know. Look at John 16:13 it says that the Holy Spirit does not speak of Himself. How many passages can you find where Jesus and the Father speak of themselves? The Holy Spirit has a different role than the Father and the Son. Role never cancels out oneness, and oneness never changes one's role. Men are always submissive to Christ and women are always submissive to their husbands. Look at 1 Corinthians 11:3 even Christ is submissive to the Father and never the other way around. Women are submissive to men and never the other way around. Biblical exceptions are one in four thousand years. This side of the Cross-has only been about two thousand years, I doubt if there are any exceptions on the earth today. We live by all of God's Word (Deuteronomy 8:3). We do not live by exceptions. We live by the teachings of the Word and truths of the Scriptures.

When it comes to delegate authority we need to use the guidelines of scripture to do this. If God does not authorize women to have authority or teach any man then a male Pastor cannot give authority to a woman to teach over a man.

Delegated authority has Biblical guidelines.

The roles of headship and submissiveness that men and women have are to be expressed everywhere (see 1 Tim. 2:8) not just in the church. God wants us as Christians to live out of the very nature that He has given us no matter where we are. Men are to be the head of their homes, churches and the workplace. Women are to live out of the new nature that they have received in Christ which is a meek and quiet spirit (1 Peter 3:4) in every kind of setting.

We are not under the law, therefore we do not have a bunch of rules and

regulations on who is to teach and have authority. We gladly live in obedience to Christ because we love Him and want to please Him. When we received the Holy Spirit we received the very nature of God and man has by nature a headship mentality and women by nature have a meek and quiet spirit. We as believers just need to live out of the people we are created in Christ.

Women are not to teach or exercise authority over man in the home, church or the work place. It is not okay for a woman to teach a man in a school setting a subject like mathematics or teach in the church about the Bible. This scripture says that we are to live in a relationship with God everywhere out of the very nature He has given us. Men have by nature a ruling character and should always be the head. When women usurp authority over a man they are living out of the old nature they received from the fall and put themselves in danger of using the devil's power to gain control over man.

The Father in Heaven will always be the Father with supreme authority over the Son and the Holy Spirit. The Son of God (Jesus Christ) will always be submissive to the Father because that is His very nature not because He has to but because He is the Son of God. The Godhead is more than an example for how we live within our roles it is eternal. The roles of headship and submission are in the very nature of God. These roles have no beginning or do they ever end. The main family in heaven being the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit is a pattern for all of the families (Eph. 3:15) here on earth. There will always be rank in the Godhead and it will be manifested here on earth because man and woman are created in the image of God, which includes the entire Godhead submitting to the one who has authority.

Teaching has to do with authority. Jesus taught in the synagogue with (Matt. 7:29) authority. Teaching on any subject is restricted to men only when men are in the classroom. Women are to teach younger women and children and are restricted to certain subjects that are mentioned in Titus 2:3-5. Women should not even study certain subjects like management, counselor, law or medical doctor because that knowledge will take them into a position of authority over a man. Women need knowledge that will help them in their role of submissiveness to men. They need knowledge on nurturing and home crafts like sewing.

We all have someone over us in authority except the Father in Heaven and it will always be like this throughout all of eternity. Authority is a good thing and very godly because it allows us to receive the Kingdom of God and all of its benefits into our lives as we obey God and His Holy Word. We obey God because He knows all and knows what is best for us and out of our relationship with Him we demonstrate our love for Him by doing anything He asks us to do. God has demonstrated His great love for us by sacrificing His only Son on the cross to give us salvation and if we truly appreciate this wonderful work we will live any way that He tells us to live no matter which we are submissive to.

1Tim. 2:13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve.

Commentary: The other reason men have authority over women is because of being first in creation of human beings (Gen. 2:7). God always puts more emphasis on the first in any area of life. Men are first in the church and the nations (1 Tim 2:1). Apostles and Prophets are first (Eph. 4:11) in the church with

authority over all women and men with lesser authority.

The firstborn in a family had more authority than the other siblings. First fruits are important to God and are special as an offering back to God. The first part of our income is to be seed that we sow into God's Kingdom to reap our harvest. Jesus is First of all brethren in God's family. The younger always serve the older. The older always have more authority than younger. Angels were created after God and serve Him under the Almighty's authority. Here is another example of an exception to God's standard way of dealing. Esau who was older served Jacob because God ordained it to show a higher purpose (Gen. 25:23). God was establishing two nations from these two brothers. To show that the firstborn always had more authority and received the greater blessing consider Isaac wanting to bless Esau who was really the first born but ended up blessing Jacob (Genesis chapter 27).

Adam was formed (created) first and given power and authority over the animals and the garden (Gen. 2:15-19). Adam was the head of the home even before the fall. Headship is taught in the book of Genesis even before the fall. We always go back to God's original design in order to know how we are to live. Adam was a type of Christ (Rom. 5:14) who was not deceived by Satan. Think about Adam being like Jesus Who has all authority and power here on earth. Adam had authority and power like Jesus to rule and have dominion over the earth and animals as well as having a wife who was submissive to him. Eve came from Adam being subject to him. The Bible does not say that women are a type of Christ because they do not have that kind of authority. Eve was made for Adam to help and please him by giving service to him so Adam could accomplish dominion on the earth. Adam was not made for Eve but for God. Adam was to rule over Eve even before the fall. God's plan has not changed. When women make men first they are doing it unto the Lord as they serve him with obedience to see God's blessing in their lives. Look at 1 Kings 17:13 to see that the widow women made Elijah (man) first as unto to the Lord and in return receive great blessings. This kind of order in the body of Christ brings about great power for miracles to be manifested in the world and the church. When men walk in their God given authority and women submit to this authority then we see the power with miracles in the church. God wants His Kingdom here on earth with male leadership only to fulfill His purposes.

1 Tim. 2:14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

Commentary: Adam loved his wife and ate of the fruit willing to die for her if that was what it meant to be with her and save her. Satan did not deceive Adam for he knew exactly what he was doing when he ate the fruit. Adam was a type of Christ laying down his life in order to save his wife. Adam took responsibility for the situation giving grace to his wife and accepting the blame and consequences by sacrificing himself for his wife (Gen. 3:6). Adam did not fall (being deceived) into transgression he willingly took of the fruit and walked into the transgression. Eve was deceived by Satan and admitted it (Gen. 3:13) to God proving that she was created to be the weaker vessel (1Pet. 3:7) under Adam. Eve needed Adam's protection from evil but wandered away from her authority (covering) and

provision in her husband and talked to the serpent. This was Eve's mistake. Never leave your umbrella of protection and provision. Stay in the presence of the one who has covering for you with great blessings. Always follow your leader. Wives need to follow their husbands into the things of God. Husbands do not follow your wife because your authority is in Christ Who is the one you are to follow.

Deception brings the wrath of God (Rom. 5:6). When women teach men in the church it brings deception to the people and God's wrath is against that church. No matter how well you think that your ministry or church is blessed when women teach men that deception will cloud your mind to the truth and you will not have all that God has for you. Your church or ministry will not have signs and wonders following the preaching of the Word (MK. 16:20). Deception always brings about sin. Eve sinned against God because she was deceived and choose to go against His Will. God has commissioned men to lead and has gifted them with the power to overcome deception. The devil is behind all deception and wants a weak church. The devil is the author of women pastors and teachers in the church for he has appeared unto them as an angel of light (2 COR. 11:13-15). God has given men more authority then women (2 COR. 10:8) to bring the Kingdom of God to the earth with the kind of government God wants to be in His church of male leadership.

1 Tim. 2:15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

Commentary: Women can have great blessings from God when they stay within their role of submissiveness by obeying their husbands and serving under men. When women do not teach or exercise authority over men they receive the promises of God. Look at Genesis 3:16 and read what God put upon woman. Women will have pain and suffering during childbirth. This side of the cross God gives a new promise of comfort to women based on their obedience, honor and respect towards men. God will save the baby from poor health and give life to the baby during birth. Many women in the Old Testament were barren and many babies died during the birthing process. God also promises salvation from the pain of giving birth. Many Godly women today experience little pain in child birthing and have a quick labor. The reason for this is their Godly behavior towards men in authority and respect towards their husbands. God's promise is only given to the obedient. When women continue in faith towards God's Word and live by all of it these blessings will come. Women are to continue to love their husbands and learn from them with all submission. Women are to put on holiness, which means having a meek and quiet spirit in order for the promise to

be real. Women are to have self-control and discipline in their lives by being quiet and not trying to take authority over man. Women are to be discipline workers at home (Prov. 31) speaking with kindness. Christian women are mothers bringing up children to bring glory to God by honoring their husband's wishes. The many promises of God towards women are real and are given only to those who are obedient. May God open the eyes of all women to see the value of being a homemaker and the importance of it by being the support to man that they are called to be doing their part in bringing the Kingdom of God here on earth.

The Greek word for men in this chapter 2 means men only, not mankind. There are three Greek words for gender. They are: men, women and mankind, which would refer to male and female. This first part of the second chapter of First Timothy is addressing men only who have the highest authority here on earth under Jesus. In this verse God is addressing those who are in authority (Men). The previous verse gives us the topic of this passage and that is Men. Kings who are men and men only are in the highest authority here on earth under Jesus. Authority involves commanding the will of God along with the Kingdom here on earth (MK 1:27). Jesus gives authority to men not to women. There is no place where it is stated in the New Testament that Jesus gave authority to women. This is extremely important because the deceived part of the church expects women to walk in authority like men and God did not design women to do this. Jesus gave His disciples (Men) power and authority over the devil and disease (LK. 9:1). Part of having authority is the ability to make judgments of right and wrong (JN. 5:27). Men are to walk in All Authority (Ti. 2:15), which includes having authority over the weather as well as disease. Husbands have authority over their wives. Men submit to God and women submit to men. Men never submit to women. There is no doctrine in the bible that supports men submitting to women. There is not a passage of scripture that teaches men submitting to women. Let us look at Ephesians 5:21 through 6:9 so we may understand submission better. Verse 21 is the headline statement saying we are to submit to one another. This is the opening line of the subject that Paul is addressing. The subject is submission. This verse is not stating that men submit to women. Paul is simply introducing his subject of submitting. What Paul is saying is: Submit to one another for this is God's Will, now listen to the rest of what I have to say so you will know how to submit to one another. The how to submit to one another is explained in Ephesians 5:22 through 6:9. No single verse stands alone. If Ephesians 5:22 was meant to stand-alone there would be no need for the rest of the passage that explains who and how submission is suppose to be. All statements in scripture depend on the other verses around it to give it meaning. The instructions on submitting and who submits to whom are simply stated in the following. Men (husbands) submit to Christ (Eph. 5:25) by loving your wife. Wives submit to your husbands as if he is Christ (Eph. 5:22). Children submit to your parents (Eph. 6:1). Employees submit to your employers (Eph. 6:5). This is very important that the church knows who submits to whom in order for the Kingdom of God to be present in power here on earth with Godly government.

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 Savior of the body.

Eph 5:24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in every thing.

In order to understand the kind of relationship that man or husband has towards woman or wife according to this passage in Ephesians chapter five, we first have to know the kind of relationship that Christ has towards the Church and Christians. Just like Christ is the Head of the Church so is the Husband Head of the wife.

This simply comparison gives us a clear picture of how man is the Head of his wife. The husband is to have a position of Headship like Christ has over the Church according to this passage.

How is Christ the Head of the Church?

Read: Eph 1:22 and hath put all [things] under his feet, and gave him [to be] the head over all [things] to the church.

The entire First Chapter of Ephesians shows us Christ as Head of ALL things with great power, Glory and authority. Christ also showing us that He does things according to His Own Will and has dominion (to rule) over All including demons and the entire world. Men are to rule like Christ does in our homes and the Church. In verse 21 it says that everything is under Christ feet and so the Husband brings this kind of authority to the home where everything and every person are under him. The Head is on top and everything and everybody is under the Head. The role of men and women are NOT equal when it comes to authority.

Christ is the Head of ALL things and people; therefore the Husband is to be the Head of the wife like Christ is.

Head means a position of authority and is higher than everything else. A Head cannot be under no one who has less authority or else it ceases to be a Head.

See: I Corinthians chapter 11, Colossians 1:18, 2:10 & 2:19.

The Husband is to have a place of authority and to rule like Christ does over every aspect in the home. Christ rules and is above the Church and every Christian. Are there any Christians equal in authority to Christ? I do not think so. Therefore the wife is not equal in authority to her Husband.

Does Christ ever submit to the Church or any Christian? No! Therefore the Husband is not to submit to his wife.

The root word for submit is sub. This is where we get our word submarine. A submarine is under the water. The role of submissiveness that a wife is called to is one that is under her Husband in authority and rule.

Jesus Christ is Lord of the Church. Many Christians will receive Christ as Savior, Healer, Provider, Protector and Bridegroom but not fully as Lord of their lives submitting to the scriptures and demonstrating their obedience to Christ in a practical way of submitting in the areas that He wants us Christians to do like wives submitting to their own Husbands as if he were Christ (Eph. 5:22).

The wife is to address her Husband as lord (1 Pet. 3:6) regardless of the culture that we live in.

I believe we focus too much on the partnership within marriage when the Bible

has little to say about this subject.

The Bible focuses more on the Headship within marriage than any other aspect. The Church needs to have more of this emphasis of Headship than the other. We as the Church and Christians submit to the Lordship of Christ and the authority of the Scriptures, not the other way around. Christ does not submit to the Church. Husbands are the Head of the wife just like Christ is the Head of the Church. This is the Biblical definition of Headship.

Eph. 5:21 submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.

Many people misunderstand this verse because they try to interpret it alone without the rest of the passage. This verse is an opening statement to the entire passage of Eph. 5:21- 6:9. The opening verse of Eph. 5:21 is simply saying that the body of Christ is designed to have an order of submission one to another and that we need to read on in order to find out how God intended for this submission to be lived out in a practical way. There are four kinds of biblical submissiveness that are talked about in this passage. 1. Wives submit to Husbands (Eph. 5:22). 2. Husbands submit to Christ (Eph. 5:25). 3. Children submit to your parents (Eph. 6:1). 4. Employees submit to employers (Eph. 6:5). Notice that there is no mention of Husbands submitting to their wives. There is no statement in the entire bible that says Husbands submit to your wife. Husbands are not to submit to their wives but to God because they are the Head of the home. The Head cannot submit to a lesser authority or else to ceases to be a Head.

Read the first chapter of Genesis and you will find that God created male and female or man and woman. If you only read the first chapter of Genesis in the Bible then you will come to the conclusion that God created man and woman at the same time. This is why we must read Genesis chapter 2 in order to find out the details of the creation of man and woman. This is just like reading Eph. 5:21 and not reading the rest of the passage. You cannot know the details of submission until you read the whole passage. No verse of the Bible can stand alone when understanding the truth.

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