Cornerstone Community Fellowship

STRENGTHENING THE FAMILY SERIES

"Role of the Wife"

A. SUBMISSION (Ephesians 5:22)

1. Submission is not:
    a. Inequality (Galatians 3:26-29)
    b. Husband is always right (Romans 3:23)
    c. Wife staying at home (Proverbs 31:10-31)
    d. Remaining silent (Ephesians 4:15)
    e. Stifling of God-given talents (Proverbs 31:10)
2. Submission is:
    a. To fall in rank under
    b. A picture of the Trinity:

GOD THE FATHER

GOD THE SON (John 5:30)

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (John 16:14)

    c. God's design for function and order

HOMEWORK - In what ways can I use my unique talents to support my husband to maintain order in our marriage?

B. SUITABLE HELPER (Genesis 2:18-23)

1. Adam was alone
2. God decided to make a suitable helper
    a. Made (vs 22) - built by a craftsman
    b. Eve was now Adam's helper (vs 23)

HOMEWORK - Have your husband share a project with you can help him complete.

C. RESPECT (Ephesians 5:33)

1. What is respect?
    a. To treat special, reverence
    b. A continuous action, not based on feelings

    c. Not something that has to be earned
2. Do you respect your husband?
    a. Do you do what your husband asks?
    b. Do you do what he asks even if it doesn't seem important to you?
    c. Do you bring up his shortcomings to others?
    d. Do you correct or contradict him in public?
    e. Do you compare him to other men?
    f. Do you treat your husband as respectfully as you do your pastor?
    g. Does your body language include: rolling the eyes, sighing or crossed arms?
    h. Do you listen to his opinion?

HOMEWORK - How can I improve one area that is disrespectful towards my husband?

Conclusion -

God-given femininity requires no debate. It is a gift that, when freely accepted, will bless a woman throughout her life, whether she wears heels and loves shopping or whether she serves the hungry in her jeans and comfy T-shirt.

"Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised."

(Proverbs 31:30)