

Background: God Guided Relationships.

Submission workings in **4 particular relationships:** husbands/wives; parents/kids; masters/servants; Jesus/God.

Verse 21 Submitting to one another.

- This ties in with our daily interactions with people from verses 15 – 20.
- Looks forward with regard to martial and family interactions

Verse 22 Wives **submitting**/subjecting to husbands.

Hupo Tasso GK Military term.

Tasso -- to draw up in order of battle, to form, array, marshal (both troops and ships).

Hupo – under

Basically this is a “**pooling resources under**” someone to win a battle. Marriages & relationships need goals and plans to achieve those goals!

Verse 23 Headship

“Because” (for) **I Cor 11:3** The Order: God – Jesus – Man - Woman

Mark 10:45 Jesus set the example for us.

How does God as his head treat Jesus? “This is my Son whom I love. Listen to Him.”

How does Jesus treat the church as our head? **Verses 26/27** “PERFECT Laundry” vs wrinkled stained torn.

How should husband treat his wife as her head? Also expand in v 25

Honors magnifies Loves Him

Verse 24 Wife submits to husband just like the church submits/subjects itself to Jesus.

Church is Hupo tassing all her resources. Working together with Jesus her husband.

Submitting is a **theme** to the **Christian life**: v21.

James 4:7 Submit to God, resist the devil.

Why do people choose to submit to the devil? (Start thinking about self.)

Hupo Tasso to him their resources? (Spend all they have on a sin/addiction.)

Advancing devil’s agenda of rebellion!!

I Peter 2:12, 13, 14 Submit to Leaders Hebrews 13:17

Pool resources under president, congress, governor, state legislature, mayor, etc.

How do we pool our resources? Does that mean we have to act? See a problem with their plans..

Contact our leaders! Let them know your thoughts on... Speak to family, friends, & peers.

I Tim 2:1 Pray for ALL people then **focuses** on leaders and all those in authority!! **Why focus on Leaders?**

I don’t like the President or maybe my senator etc. What does God want us to do?

Pray for them?

Not just pray, but SUBMIT to them!

Pool your resources under them!

Pray for them & Ask others to pray for them. Wisdom, insight, salvation, protection,

In **EPH 6** we’ll look at **spiritual warfare**. You will be shocked by what you learn!

YOU DON’T want to miss that which we will hit in August!

Why is there such an attack on Headship in marriage? Read → Isaiah 14:13-15

Devil desires to **usurp** our Heavenly Father. Devil thinks he can actually attain his desire!

I will ascend above the clouds. Raise his throne above the Most High.

Adam was **usurped** by devil in the fall in the Garden. Adam cast out of garden and experienced fear.

Jesus was made a little lower than the angels. Devil thought, “**OPPORTUNITY**”!!

Jesus temptations of Mat 4:1-11

- Make bread out of stones to relieve his own hunger. Man does not live on bread alone but...
- Jump from a pinnacle and rely on angels to break his fall. Do not test the Lord...
- Worship the devil in return for all the kingdoms of the world. (giving glory to wrong person)

Headship Glory

Devil is working overtime to wreck the order in marriage. Why?? Create confusion and upset God’s order

I Cor 14:26, 33 READ

disorder/confusion Louw: to rise up in open defiance of authority, with the presumed intention to overthrow it or to act in complete opposition to its demands

God is a God of order! **Peace GK:** a set of favorable circumstances involving peace and tranquility

Devil is a god of **disorder** and **disharmony!** His goal is to “encourage” “entice” we humans to **rebellion!**

Why do sinful thought(s) come into our mind while... **Fishing example:** Worm dangling just on or under water

How do spouses glorify devil in marriage?

Having a marriage that honors the devils desired structure of “me first” falling into the devil’s ‘**I trouble**’

Being openly defiant of God’s established order.

Ever wonder why there’s so much friction with the concept of “submission” in marriage & all areas of life?

I Peter 3:1 unsaved spouse. Letting him “suffer” in unsaved state. You may lead him to Christ.

Verse 25 How Should Husbands Treat their Wives?

Husbands commanded to **Agape** love their wives. What’s that look like?

Communicate with her. How close do we stay to our Heavenly Father or Jesus if we don’t pray?

Pray with and for her daily. Family that prays together stays together!

Read bible with her! **Col 1:17** Jesus is before all things and in Him **all** things HOLD together!

I Cor 13:4-8 read together.

Wife is pooling all their resources under their husband to help him love her more!

I Peter 3:7 says men’s prayers are hindered when they don’t treat wife correctly

Is v25 only for husbands or should a guy you date for a period of time exhibit signs of v25?

Verse 26/27 Read: As Jesus did all these things for we the church, who was submitting? Both!

We were allowing him to love, guide, and protect us.

Verse 28

In the same way... husband love your wives. HOW? Just like Christ did in verses 25 – 27!

Ought GK: under obligation. **Present Indicative**

As their own body Love as if her body is your body. NOT “just like” but actually your body!

Remember Eph 4 Christ is the head and we are His body? Same thing. Man is the head of the body.

Wife is part of husband’s self. She is his body.

He who loves his own wife, loves himself. Since wife is part of him, loving her he loves himself.

Expositor’s “*It is a love consequently, not merely of duty,—but of nature.*” The two spouses are really ONE!

Veres 29/30

Feed/Nourish GK: To nurture, to bring up children to maturity.

Care/Cherish GK: Cherishing concern! Just as Jesus does with us His Body!

Members of his body. He is our head we are his body. He works through our hands and feet!

Asian Ceremonies in which two candles are used to light one candle to represent both hub and wife!

Verse 31

Leave GK: Lowu: to cause a particular relationship to cease ‘to leave, to no longer relate to.’

To cease? Are they no longer parents of newlyweds?

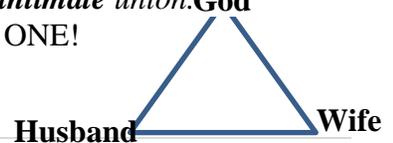
They no longer have earthly preeminence they once did when their son lived there. Relationship changes.

Some people try to live their marriage as their parents/friends see fit rather than as God directs.

United/joined GK: Glued together as one piece. *The compound verb denotes a **most intimate union.*****God**

Will/shall become GK: Future Middle Doing the action to themselves of becoming ONE!

One Flesh GK: carries the idea of being one person, not two.



Verse 32

Mystery GK: content which was not been known before but has now been revealed to an in-group or restricted constituency

Profound GK: “the upper range of any scale” Almost unmeasurable similar to priceless!

Casual reading may make one thing Paul is talking about man and woman being united as one – mysterious!
NOPE!! talking about Christ and the church

We are one with Christ. He in us and we in him. **How do we wrap our head around that?**

We and Christ are like “one flesh” one person. He the head we his body just like in earthly marriages. The close intimateness and oneness of a martial relationship helps us humans with our finite minds to understand what we have in Christ by using the earthly marriage as a model!

Marriage is an Earthly analogy of a Heavenly reality!!

II Cor 11:2 I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.

Rev 19:7-9

Message on WLEB:

Marriage should model the couple’s relationship with Christ.

People should see a marriage and want to know “why” it works when so many marriages fail.

Verse 33

Must Love GK: Present Imperative

Love because she is your body just as we are Christ’s body.

Husband is the imitator! Wife will respond to Agape love.

Wife must **Respect GK: present subjunctive middle/passive** “to fear, to be afraid of, to reverence, to venerate, to treat with deference or reverential obedience.” (contrast with “rebellion” a fav tool of the devil)

Lowu: to have such awe or respect for a person as to involve a measure of fear.

What does **respect** look like?

Read AMP V33: However, let each man of you [without exception] love his wife as [being in a sense] his very own self; and let the wife see that she respects *and* reverences her husband [that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him **exceedingly**]

How do all these things? “**exceedingly**”

Notices Aware of his presence. Notices what he does.

Regards Care or concern for someone. A feeling of respect and admiration for someone

Honors Respect that is given to someone who is admired. Honor parents...1st command w/ promise
Contrast: Rolling Eyes Sarcastic

Prefers Why do we prefer to be with a person? Is this a choice? Contrast avoid being seen in public with

Venerates to feel or show deep respect for. Opposite of berates.

Esteems Respect and affection.

Defers Trusts in him. Some people take their problems and decisions to “others”. He is you! What if he doesn’t know?

Praises to say or write good things about someone. To express approval! Thinking Phil 4:8

Loves I Cor 13

Admires To look at something with enjoyment.

He is my hero!

How do all these things? “**exceedingly**”

Application to us:

1. Marriage: A Profound Mystery!

- a. Not for convenience, having a family, enjoying physical pleasures, or overcoming loneliness!
 - 1) Those are outcomes of a God honoring marriage.
- b. The “profound mystery is that the oneness of marriage helps us grasp and live what we have in Christ!
 - 1) How often have you heard this shared whether in church or secular venues?
- c. We either bring Glory to the Lord in marriage or ridicule.
- d. Should we be “interfering” in other’s marriages?

2. Choosing to Connect with People Wisely

a. II Cor 6:14 unequally yoked!

- 1) Unsaved unbeliever is the focus here.
 - a) Dating evangelism is dangerous to your spiritual well-being and all other aspects of well-being!
 - b) Choosing to date an unbeliever not only puts your well-being at risk but “obligates” your to stick with that person in marriage until they are saved.
 - + I Cor 7:12-14 If unsaved chooses to live with you... don’t divorce.
 - + Divorcing an unsaved person puts you and them in adultery.
- 2) Unequally Yoked “beyond salvation”
 - a) Compare the intensity of your personal walk with Christ with his or hers.
 - b) Compare your level of service you enjoy doing for the Lord.
 - + What happens if you are on fire serving in several different ministries and your future spouse only wants to go to church but not be involved?
 - + How does future spouse “respect” and “support” your desires to serve?

3)

b. Women:

- 1) Why do you attend CC? The deep teaching draws people!
- 2) When dating or only friends, does Eph 5:25 come into play with men you meet?
- 3) Look for a man who clearly demonstrates Eph 5:25 to you. I Cor 13:4-7

c. Men

- 1) Remember the high calling and command we have to Agape a future wife.
- 2) The responsibility for love in the marriage is on our shoulders!

3. Singlehood

Enjoy this unparalleled time to serve the Lord.

Once you are in a relationship, your focus and energies are divided.