

# LORD, TEACH ME ABOUT MARRIAGE

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And we have tried to changed it.

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## INTRODUCTION

LORD, TEACH ME ABOUT MARRIAGE, is a bible study aide that is devoted to helping you learn more about marriage through God's eyes. Knowing what God's word says about marriage can bring us so much closer to Him, while strengthening our souls spiritually. It can give us a new perspective of God, who He is and what he wants for us. My hope is that this study aide will help and encourage you to dig into God's word, the bible.

This bible study on marriage is broken into 10 lessons. Every lesson has 3 sections: *Questions*, *Possible Answers*, and *Homework*.

### **QUESTIONS:**

This section covers one topic at a time, and are based on how the NKJV reads. The goal of the questions is to try to get you to think about what the verses mean, and if applicable, how you can apply it to your life.

### **POSSIBLE ANSWERS:**

This section will have the author's answers to that specific lesson. This section is here if you need help understanding the question or if you need help with your own answer. We might end up having different answers, which is ok as long as we are staying true to God and you are not persuaded by personal motives. God draws us to His word, we have to be willing to listen and hear what *He* is telling us.

### **HOMEWORK:**

This section is to be done between lessons. You will have scripture readings, a lesson review, and a challenge. It is important to do the homework between each lesson because it will help you to start living out the lesson that you just studied.

### FINAL THOUGHT

I do not claim for this study to be perfect or contain every meaning of the chosen verses. Remember to use this study as an *aide* and do not get frustrated. My answers are to here guide you. I have changed and altered some of them more than once during the process of writing this study. The next time I study these verses I will see something that I have never seen before, and I may have different answers than I do now. So relax and prepare your mind to be open to what *God* wants you to see. The Bible is new every time you read it with an open mind.

## Lesson 1 – It is true!

Begin this lesson in prayer. Read 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17.

- 1) Who wrote the bible and why is this important for our Christian faith?
- 2) Read 2 TIMOTHY 3:1 – 4:5. Why is it so important for us to remember 2 TIMOTHY 3:16 - 17, and to take it seriously?
- 3) Read JOHN 21:24 - 25. Do you agree with this statement, especially the end of verse 24? Explain.
- 4) Read Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25. Do you believe this to be true? Why? Remember, 2 TIMOTHY 3: 16 – 18.

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### Possible Answers

- 1) God wrote it! God is the basis of our faith and believe that God is perfect, and true, then we need to believe that the bible is His word, and is 100% true. We need to take God at His word (MATTHEW 4:4), believing that every part of it is true and accurate. We need to use His word to become a better child of God, and an equipped child of God.
- 2) We will have lots of encounters with non-believers, trying to turn us away from God, and His truths, the bible. We need to remember that ALL of God's work is truth, and that we should believe God before we believe the people or scientist of this world! We need to look to God to see if they are correct, not look to the world to see if God is correct.
- 3) Yes, I do because I see God working in my own life, and all over this world! The bible is written by God, so yes I believe it to be true. I see the bible as history, and it is backed up more and more through archeological discoveries and so on.
- 4) Yes I do, because I can see how we have dominion over the living things on this earth despite many animals being larger and more powerful than us. Also, I can see man and women having the different characteristics that God has, because we were created in His image. Lastly, I believe it to be true because I that all scripture is true because it is from God.

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### Homework

 Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – 2 TIMOTHY 3:10-17

Day 2 – JOHN 21:20-25

Day 3 – EXODUS 31:18

 Write an overview of what you learned from lesson 1.

 This week, your challenge is to pray to God asking Him to help you understand His word, its truth and accuracy.

♥ Prayer Request

## LESSON 2 - LOVE...

Begin this lesson in prayer and then review last week's homework. Read Mark 12:28-34.

- 1) What are the two greatest commandments that God has given us?
  
- 2) Is this easy for you to do? Explain.
  
- 3) Why do you think there are no other greater commandments than these?
  
- 4) Read I John 4:20-5:5.  
How can we love God whom we have not seen, if we cannot love our brother whom we have seen?
  
- 5) How has God shown His love for you?
  
- 6) Why is proverbs 10:12 so important to remember?



Possible Answers

- 1) The greatest commandment's is to love God with our whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself.
- 2) No, it is not because I am not naturally selfless. I often think of the negative before I think of love, if I even think of it at all. The more often I study the bible the more love and compassion that I have for God and other people.
- 3) First, if we love God with our whole heart, mind, soul, and strength we will always want to do God's will. God's will for us is that we love our neighbors as ourselves. No one wants to be discouraged, belittled, and beaten up or stolen from. We are to treat them s if they were us. If we do this then we will be following all of the other commandments that God gave Moses. Love is very important to God. He loves us, and wants us to show love in return.
- 4) I think this section of verses is telling us that we cannot do that. But, if we have faith and keep His commandments we *will* love our brother and we will be showing God that we love Him also. God wants us to make a conscience effort to love His children. I can love someone even though I don't always agree with them.
- 5) Of course through salvation. He loves me, all of us so much that Jesus Christ suffered, and died on the cross, experienced hell, so that I, all of us, do not have to. In return I, all of us, have to show God love by thanking Him for that, and accepting His punishment on our behalf. After this initial act of love, God has answered so many prayers, and has showed me why He did not answer some of them how I had asked. He continues to bless me each day.
- 6) Hatred leads to more sin and anger, not to love, which God calls us to do. No, He commands us to do it. If we love instead of turning to hatred, that will lead us to forgive and it will steer us away from the sin we would have committed.

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### Homework



Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – I Corinthians 13:4-13

Day 2 – Galatians 5:16-26

Day 3 – Mark 12:28-34



Write an overview of what learned from lesson 2.



This week your challenge is to think about a time(s) when it's hardest to show love to your spouse. Write a confession to God, and ask Him to show you how to love your spouse even when it is hardest.

♥ Prayer Request

## LESSON 3 - HOW TO LOVE

Begin this lesson in prayer. Review last week's homework and read I Peter 4:7-10.

- 1) What are we commanded to do and how?
- 2) What are ways that we can be hospitable to each other?
- 3) Read Romans 12:9-21.  
What is the overall theme of the verses from Romans 12:9-21?
- 4) What does the first part of verse 9, "let love be without hypocrisy" really mean?
- 5) How can we show love without hypocrisy, along with verse 10-21?
- 6) Now that we have learned a little more about love do you think that you can show a little more love towards your spouse?

Possible Answers

- 1) We are to fervently love one another! One way we are suppose to do this is by being hospitable and to not grumble towards others. We are not to complain inside or out as we do nice things, say nice things, or as we greet each other. It says that love will cover a multitude of sins, so this tells me that we should be forgiving also.
- 2) First, by simply being nice to each other. We can greet each other with a sincere hello, how are you. We can also switch out complains with compassion, or maybe compliments, and lastly to be hospitable we need to help each other even when we are not asked for help.
- 3) The overall theme is to show love to other, and not dwelling on our own selfish desires. We are to think of others better than ourselves. Also, we are to show love because we are clinging to God. If we do this we can show love and not evil to those around us.
- 4) We need to show love for the sake of showing love, because God commanded us to. We shouldn't be showing love to get something in return, or have strings attached. An example of this would be to do something nice for your spouse and then be thinking "He/she better cook dinner tonight, sense I did this for him/her!"
- 5) By remembering, and living out the rest of verse 9. We need to hate and resist evil, and cling to what is good. The more we cling to what's good, which is God and His word, along with people who love Him, the more we will recognize evil and we will want to stay away from it. We need to constantly pray, read and truly fellowship in order to show true love.
- 6) I can defiantly do better! I need to love without expectations. It is not true love if I am doing something with the hopes of getting something in return.

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### Homework

 Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – I Peter 4:7-11

Day 2 – Romans 12

Day 3 – I John 2:15-17

 Write an overview of what learned from lesson 3.

 Your challenge for this week is to read I John 2:15-17 and *explain* what we are NOT suppose to love.

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## LESSON 4 - Why Marriage?

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25.

- 1) Adam and Eve was the first marriage. What are some characteristics of marriage that we know of from our reading?
- 2) Read I Corinthians 7:1-5. Why was marriage created?
- 3) Why does it say that a husband and a wife should not deprive each other, unless it is agreed by both, for prayer and fasting?
- 4) Take time to pray for your marriage. Taking extra attention to pray for the topics we covered in this lesson.

Possible Answers

- 1) 1:27 – Marriage is from God. Marriage is for male and female.  
1:28 – They are to multiply, to have children. They are to work together because God gave both of them dominion over the living animals on the earth, in the sea, and in the air.  
2:18 – Wife is to be a helper. (She is comparable to her husband, not exactly the same as him)  
2:19-20 – A husband needs his wife, and wants a husband to realize this. (I think God gave Adam this job for two reasons. First, so that he realizes that need. Secondly, so he knows his job is important on this earth.)  
2:24 – Marriage is one unit. A husband needs to be devoted to his wife. He needs to lead his new family and not be led by the family he is leaving. (He was led at home by his parents, and when he marries he now has to do the leading.) A wife needs to let her husband take the lead role, as God instructs.
- 2) Marriage was created so that we can be fruitful and multiply. It was created to cover our sexual sins, the lust that we have. God created marriage so that we could be covered when it comes to sexual desires. But God wanted this to be between *one* man and *one* women. This is one way that husbands and wives are joined together. We simple do not have sex only to be fruitful and multiply. God created a way for that sin to be covered, it is called marriage, and it was suppose to last a lifetime.
- 3) Otherwise satan will use our lack of self-control against us, and we will be tempted to fall into sexual sins. Even though we are married we will look somewhere else to fill the void that is missing.
- 4) Heavenly Father, I pray for my marriage, that you will help both of us see the role that we have in our marriage. Help us to realize that we need to work together as one unit to strengthen our marriage. Help us to see to communicate better so that we will know each other's needs, and then in turn be able to fulfill those needs wholeheartedly. Help us to be a good example of marriage for our children so that they can see how important marriage is to you.

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### Homework



Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-25

Day 2 – Matthew 19:4-6

Day 3 – Corinthians 7:1-5



Write an overview of what learned from lesson 4.



Your challenge for this week is to look for the desires that your spouse needs, and wants. This is not merely the sexual desires that they have. Some examples may be a hug and a kiss when they get home, just listening to them vent, or making a special dinner for them sometimes. Make a list of some of the things that you can do for your spouse.

♥ Prayer Request



## LESSON 5 - Who's More Important?

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read I Corinthians 11:2-12.


- 1) Read Genesis 1:26-27. Who is God going to create?
  
- 2) According to those verses explain how God creates them.
  
- 3) Read I Corinthians 11:11-12. Why is this verse so important to remember?
  
- 4) Read Galatians 3:26-29. Explain how God sees males (husbands) and females (wives).
  
- 5) Read Acts 1:12-14. Why is this church history important for men and women, husbands and wives to remember?


Possible Answers


- 1) God is going to create man, both male and female.
- 2) God said let's make man in our image, then He said "let them..." I think that God created both man and women in His image. I am not sure exactly what God's image *is* that we are created after. We do know that God uses the plural form "Us" in this verse, which would be Father God, Son God, and Holy Spirit God, and that the characteristics of God is all through the bible, wisdom, love, compassion and so on.
- 3) Even though women are under the authority of their husband, God doesn't see the husband as more important than the wife. He is reminding both of us that we are a part of each other and that neither person is better than the other. We just have different roles in this life.
- 4) He sees them as equals in His kingdom. Even though they have different roles to perform in this life they are still of Christ, and all heirs. Even though we have different roles in marriage, at church, and so on, God still sees us all as His children, equally important.
- 5) It is important because they are all praying together, men and women, and neither group is secluded to their own area. Even though women can't hold certain positions in the church and they are under their husbands, they too are a very important part of His kingdom.


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### Homework

-  Read on three different days this week.
  - Day 1 – Galatians 3:28-29
  - Day 2 – I Corinthians 11:2-12
  - Day 3 – Acts 1:12-14

-  Write an overview of what learned from lesson 5.

-  Your challenge for this week is to write why your spouse is an important part of Gods kingdom or an important part of your life. Write a prayer thanking God for your spouse.

-  Prayer Request

## LESSON 6 - Marriage Roles

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read Genesis 2:18-25, 3:16-20.

- 1) Explain why and how women was created by God?
- 2) What is the husband's role in marriage?
- 3) According to Genesis 3:16, explain how God cursed women.
- 4) Relate this to marriage.
- 5) According to Genesis 3:17-20, explain how God cursed man and why.
- 6) Relate this to marriage.

Possible Answers

- 1) God made women to be mans helper, and woman was made from man, from Adams rib. She would be comparable to him, she was to be similar but different. Women was made to be a companion and helper for man, for her husband, and to complete the cycle to be fruitful and multiply.
- 2) The husband is suppose to lead the family. I say this because he even names “woman” in verse 2:23. In verse 2:24 husbands are told that they need to leave their parents and be joined to their wives. Husbands need to choose to leave one family setting to start a new one. I think this is significant because it seems like women in early history didn’t choose to leave, they were given to a man to marry. Lastly, at the end of 3:16, it says that the husband will rule over the wife. I take this as the husband is the head of the family, and that includes the wife.
- 3) The first curse has to with sorrow, conception, and pain in childbirth. Every month women get moody, emotional, sorrowful if I may, and even have pain. All this happens to prepare their body for conception, to have children. I find it fascinating that our symptoms are all mentioned in our curse. Besides that, women are sorrowful. They are naturally more emotional than men. We cry so much easier than men! The curse says that our sorrow will be greatly multiplied! The second part of the curse is that a women’s desire will be for her husband, and he will rule over her. Most wives find this frustrating, irritating, and really do see it as a curse!
- 4) When I relate this to marriage, it made it so that the results of marriage, having children, would now be painful. It would be a consequence that would happen every month, even for wives that are not able to give birth, they still have the curse upon them. Because Eve made a bad choice, and was easily tempted wives are to listen to their husbands, and will naturally want to please them. I do find myself doing certain things simple because it will make my husband happy. I actually get mad, maybe even sorrowful because I put his desires before my own sometimes. If I don’t then I feel guilty for not doing it. I can handle this curse better now that I now that I understand why I feel and do theses things.
- 5) He is cursed because Adam listened to his wife instead of God. God was not happy that he chose to do what his wife wanted, knowing that it was wrong. Because of that the ground was cursed. This means that men would have to work hard for his food, until the day he dies. Life will not be easy because thorns and thistles will be mixed with what you are working so hard to harvest. Men will have to work by the sweat of their brow.  
not fit together. I think the white stone with a new name is to show remind us that our piece of heaven that is being prepared for us, along with our new name. Life is not perfect now, it will be in heaven. So amazing!
- 6) While I am at home living out my curse each day, my husband is living out his. Though he doesn’t work in the fields, tilling the ground for our/his food, he is working each day, dealing with thorns and thistles so he can bring home some kind of harvest. I think this curse is why many/most husbands feel that it is important that they are the ones to support the family. Many husbands get depressed, and feel inadequate when they are out of work.

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### Homework


 Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – Genesis 1:26-28

Day 2 – Genesis 2:18-25

Day 3 – Genesis 3:16-20

 Write an overview of what learned from lesson 6.

 Your challenge for this week is to thank God for His written word. We can take refuge in His word, be encouraged, and find answers to life's questions, along with getting knowledge and wisdom.

♥ Prayer Request

## LESSON 7 - A Prudent Wife

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read Proverbs 31.

- 1) Read Proverbs 18:22. Meditate on this verse for a minute.  
What stands out the most to you in this verse?
  
- 2) Read Proverbs 19:14. What kind of inheritance is from earthly fathers, and what is from God?
  
- 3) Proverbs 14:8, 15, 18, 15:5 all talk about a prudent wife. What is God's definition of a prudent wife?
  
- 4) How can husbands help their wives be a prudent wife, that is acceptable to the Lord.
  
- 5) Wives how can you be a prudent wife that is acceptable to the Lord.
  
- 6) How does the characteristics of a virtuous wife, from proverbs 31:12-31, fit with the definition of a prudent wife?
  
- 7) According to Proverbs 31:10-11, 28, what role does the husband of a virtuous wife have if he wants this from her?

Possible Answers

- 1) First, when it comes to marriage I think God wants the man to be the one “searching or courting” for a wife. Secondly, wives should see themselves as a good thing also. If God sees wives as a good thing, then wives should try to live up to that and husbands should treat them in a way that shows they agree with God. Lastly, husbands will find favor in the Lord! Husbands are special!
- 2) Earthly fathers will give houses and riches, which is material wealth. Our heavenly Father gives the gift of a prudent wife, which is personality and inner riches and wealth.
- 3) She understands her way, considers her steps, she is full of knowledge, and she receives correction. She is able to make good choices because she thinks before she acts. Also, she is full of knowledge so she studies and considers what is going on around her and she is willing to accept correction and other people’s opinion.
- 4) Husbands can encourage her, so she knows and feels like a good wife. Help her to be knowledgeable in the Lord by doing bible studies and prayer with her, and encourage her to spend time in the word and with God on her own. Also, give her honest opinions in a compassionate way.
- 5) Wives need to willingly accept others opinions, need to have an open mind, considering what is going on and use that to make choices that God would be proud of. Wives need to not be selfish, but need to be wise in all that they do for others and themselves. Also, you need to study God’s word so that you can be knowledgeable.
- 6) She is very wise, all she does seems to be well thought out. She manages her time well because she knows where her steps are leading to. She is very knowledgeable and considers what is around her.
- 7) He needs to trust her, realize her worth and praise her.



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### Homework


 Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – Proverbs 31

Day 2 – Proverbs 14:1-19

Day 3 – Proverbs 19:11-16

 Write an overview of what learned from lesson 7.

 Your challenge for this week is for husbands to do something to help your wife to be prudent wife, and wives make some choices of that of a prudent wife. Write what did to complete this challenge.

♥ Prayer Request

## Lesson 8 - Character

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read Titus 2:1-8.

- 1) These verses do not talk about marriage, or a husband or wife's responsibility in marriage. What is the overall theme of the verses?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Explain the characteristics that older men should strive to have? (verses 1,2 & 6)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Explain what the older men should be teaching and encouraging the younger men. How should the younger men act?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) Explain the characteristics the older ladies should have.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Explain what the older women should be teaching and encouraging the younger women to do. How should the younger women act?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 6) How can having a husband and wife that reflect these verses be helpful in our marriage roles that we have learned about already?

Possible Answers

- 1) It is telling us what a man and women's overall character, attitude, and mind set should be. It also tells us that the older should be teaching the younger, and what they should be teaching and encouraging them to do.
- 2) They should be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love and in patience. Overall older men should be calm men that love God and follow His word with a passion or faith that others will notice. He does this and shows patience and love to those around him, especially the young men. Also, the older men should teach them how they should act, and what is important. This should be done with a strong desire.
- 3) The older men should be strongly encouraging them to be sober-minded, to think clearly, to do good regularly, not just occasionally. They should encourage them to take the bible seriously, studying it with a moral, sincere, not doubting in awe heart! Also, they should be encouraged to talk in a way that portrays or reflects all of the other Godly characteristics! Young men should be able to have a clear mind, making good works and choices a way of life. They should give God's word the respect and glory that it deserves, never doubting it, which means that they read and study it. Lastly, the way they talk should reflect all these characteristics and good qualities.
- 4) Older women should act respectful, should not slander others. Also, they shouldn't be overtaken by the effects of wine (alcohol) and they should teach good things. They should teach and encourage the young women.
- 5) Older women should encourage the younger women to love their husbands and children, to be discreet, chaste, which is abstaining from sex. This could be for the unmarried women, or during a time for prayer and fasting for married women. They should encourage the young women to be homemakers, and to be good and obedient to their own husbands. The young women should be wives that love their husbands, and should listen to him, obeying him. They should stay home with their kids, be homemakers if at all possible. Young women should act discreet and know the word of God so that they know that God's word is not being blasphemed by their actions.
- 6) If husbands want to be a good leader they have to take God and His word to heart. He has to be able to know what God expects from him if he is to lead his wife and children. A husband that has a clear mind makes good choices and does good, along with having good speech that reflects this good nature, and he will be a better leader, he will be taken seriously. They will want to follow God, and will be glad they did.

If wives have these characteristics they will be better helpers to their husbands, and their husbands will be happier, which will make them happier. It is a circle of emotions! Also, if wives follow these characteristics they will be able to be the prudent wife that God wants them to be.

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### Homework



Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – Titus 2:1-8

Day 2 – Genesis 2:12-20

Day 3 – Titus 2:1-8



Write an overview of what learned from lesson 8.



Your challenge for this week is to select one or more of the characteristics from the lesson and then start living it out this. Write it down and then pray about it.

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## Lesson 9 - Hierarchy of Marriage

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read and I Corinthians 11:2-16 and Ephesians 2:22-33.

- 1) Explain what marriage is compared to.
- 2) Compare the hierarchy of marriage with the hierarchy of Christ and the church.
- 3) Explain the wife's role and position in this hierarchy and why.
- 4) Explain the husband's role and position in this hierarchy and why.
- 5) Why is Ephesians 5:33 so hard to follow sometimes?

Possible Answers

- 1) Marriage is compared to Christ and the church. It compares the hierarchy of the church and Christ, along with Christ's love for the church, with husbands and wives in a marriage.
- 2) 

Church	Marriage
God – Head of Christ.	God – Head of Christ
Christ – head of the church.	Christ – Head of the husband
Church – Body of Christ, Glory of Christ	Husband – Head of the wife
	Wife – Glory of the husband
- 3) The church is always referred to as her, Christ bride, just like a wife is a husband's bride. The wife's role is under her husband, she is his glory and she needs to be submissive to him. The wife's position is compared to the church, and the church is to be submissive to Christ, in the same way wives need to be submissive to their husbands. Being submissive is one way that wives bring glory to their husbands, in addition to what we learned in previous lessons. Wives need to give glory to their husbands and one way of doing this is by giving him the respect that he needs, in the same way they need to give Christ the respect and glory He deserves. The wife's role should not be thought of as demeaning, as we seen earlier, we are spiritually equal with different roles because we were created with a different purpose. At times it is hard to follow Christ, and at times it will be hard to follow our Husbands. God never said it would be easy.
- 4) The husband's role is to lead his wife, through love and leadership. He is to use Christ's example of how much He loves the church, to do this. The first example of love is how Christ Died for her, (the church, the bride) so she would be pure for Himself. I can't do the description justice. Also, husbands are supposed to love their wife like they love their bodies. If he loves his wife he loves himself. A husband can't nourish and cherish his wife if he hates himself. If he hates himself that hatred or lack of love, will reflect that in his actions towards her. Leadership itself was not the focus in these passages, but the attitude that husbands should have while leading the marriage. This is a tall order to take! A husband's role doesn't give him permission to look down on his wife, actually he has to do just the opposite. Husbands have to give her love, treat her with the same love that Christ has for the church, the same love that Christ has given him. This is a huge responsibility. At times it is hard to follow Christ's example, and at times it will be hard to love your wife like Christ loves the church. God never said it would be easy.
- 5) It is not what comes naturally for us. We have to work at it, and make a conscious choice to do it, and to rely on God. Love does not come natural for husbands, and showing respect does not come natural for wives. It may be easier for some, than others, but generally it is hard to do.

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### Homework


 Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – I Corinthians 11:2-16

Day 2 – Ephesians 2:22-33

Day 3 – Genesis 2:12-20

 Write an overview of what learned from lesson 9.

 Your challenge for this week is to think build off last weeks challenge of working the traits that God wants us to have into your life. Add one more trait to work on, and then take notice of how you can better live out the role that God has put you in for your marriage. Write down your thoughts from this challenge.

♥ Prayer Request

## LESSON 10 - Responsibility

Begin this lesson in prayer, and then review last week's homework. Read I Peter 3:1-7.

- 1) What is the wife's actions/attitude in marriage suppose to be?
  
- 2) What is a husbands actions/attitude in marriage suppose to be?.
  
- 3) Explain why verse 7 does not contradict itself when it says that the wife is the weaker vessel, but still heirs together?
  
- 4) Why is this important for the both of them to remember?
  
- 5) Read I Corinthians 14:26-40.  
What is the overall theme or purpose of this section?
  
- 6) Why do you think it says that women need to keep silent in church?
  
- 7) What do husbands need to do at home with and without their wives, and why?



### Possible Answers

- 1) Wives are not to adorn themselves only on the outside, but on the inside too. The inside is more important. Wives need to do it by having a gentle and quiet spirit. Wives need to be submissive to her husband, even if their husband is not a believer. They need to be submissive even if she is being treated badly. Christ was submissive unto death and committed no sin, and did not pay anyone back for what they did to Him. He is a wife's example, everyone's example
- 2) Husbands are suppose to be understanding, honorable to his wife, and consider her a mutual heir of God's grace.
- 3) A vessel is a container, and it is comparing the bodies of a man and women. A women's body is a weaker vessel. A person's physical body does not make us heirs, it does not get us to heaven, but our spiritual relationship with Christ does.
- 4) The husband is suppose to honor her because she is physically weaker than him. He is supposes to pay close attention to this, and treat her right. The wife needs to accept the fact that she is a weaker vessel, and she needs to respect her husband by letting him help her when she needs it. They both need to remember that even though their earthly bodies are not equivalent, their souls are, if they have both accepted God's free gift of salvation.
- 5) God has set up the church, according to scripture, to have a system of checks and balances. This system that God has called the church to follow, helps the church to be a place of peace and not confusion, and order instead of chaos.
- 6) In order to answer this question, you need to read the whole passage, and not just this one verse. God has called the church to be a place of order and peace, and no one is supposed to speak who isn't called to speak. (*Notice in the previous verses other people are called to be silent also.*) It seems to me that there is a time and place for women to ask questions, and in this situation, God has called women to be silent and not to ask questions. In this situation, when the church is gathered speaking in tongues, prophesying, learning and being encouraged by those events, it's not the time or place for women to ask questions.
- 7) Husbands need to be ready to answer the questions that their wives will ask. Again, God wants order and peace, which means that husbands should not be irritated and annoyed that their wives are asking them questions, instead they need to prepared. Husbands need to be in the word, in prayer, and fellowsipping with God, by themselves and with their wives. If they do this they can be prepared to answer their wives questions, and their wives will feel comfortable asking.

LORD, TEACH ME ABOUT MARRIAGE.

### Homework



Read on three different days this week.

Day 1 – Peter 3:1-7

Day 2 – I Corinthians 14:26-40

Day 3 – Genesis 1:26-28, 2:18-25



Write an overview of what learned from lesson 10.



Your challenge for this week is take what you have learned in this bible study and remember it in the weeks to come. Write out a prayer to God telling Him the changes that you want to make in your life, in the role you have in your marriage.

♥ Prayer Request