



Women Made Whole

WELCOME to a new addition to the Tri-God site. In this section, we will be speaking directly to women. In *Matthew 9:22* we find: “*But Jesus turned him about, and when he saw her, he said, **Daughter, be of good comfort; thy faith hath made thee whole.** And the woman was made whole from that hour.*” I hope to address what it means to be a godly woman, how to deal with the stress of motherhood, and hopefully many other areas that we, as women, deal with everyday; and how God’s word offers instruction and comfort in our everyday life.

A HEAVENLY MARRIAGE

As we have seen in today’s world, divorce is on the rise and has been for awhile. After asking myself why, I did some research in the Word of God and I believe it is because we, both men and women, have our roles as husband and wife confused. Beginning in verse 21, Ephesians 5 describes the ideal relationship between a man and woman:

Ephesians 5:21-24 “*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*”

The Bible clearly states that the man is to be the head of the household. Today’s society tries to convince women that recognizing their husband as this authority is demeaning; that it will make them weak, that they should feel badly, but that is not what the scripture means at all. While many women today may feel this would make them weak, personally, I believe that you have to be very strong to live this way. No matter how you

see it, I can't imagine any woman who would not like her husband to take care of her and to provide for the family.

I have enough to answer for as a working woman, wife, mother and a child of God. I certainly don't need the additional stress of answering to God for how our household has been run. I would much rather defer that responsibility to my husband and let him give an account of our lives together. It is actually liberating to know that the Bible simply requires me to support his decisions, not to bear the stress and responsibility for making them. Especially since we may make the wrong one from time-to-time!

Don't get me wrong, there are some men who take these scriptures way too far or in an abusive way. These men fail to incorporate the rest of the chapter:

***Ephesians 5:25-33** "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."*

Jesus Christ would never beat or make a slave out of the Church nor should husbands do so unto their wives. Rather, love is the order of the day. When you think about it, the man has a far more difficult task. All I have to do is respect my husband. He has to live up to God's example of love!

To summarize, we have:

Roles of husbands: The husband is to be the leader in the household. In Genesis we find that God created man first and then made woman out of man. He should love, nourish, and cherish his wife. He should be sensitive to her needs and opinions, but in the end, the husband should take responsibility for making the final decision. A husband should also provide for the needs of his family according to **1 Timothy 5:8** "*But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.*"

Roles of wives: A wife is to submit to the biblical authority of her husband with love, honor, and respect. This is not the submission of slavery, but rather the desire to please God as Jesus did when He submitted Himself to the will of the Father. A wife should love her husband and be a helpful support to him. **Genesis 2:18** "*And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.*"

These are actually pretty simple things to live by. Remember, God made these guidelines to balance out the partnership between a man and a woman. We are created differently and we think differently. God made each of us in this way to have a perfect balance of love and respect for each other so we can bring up our children in a balanced, nurturing and healthy environment.

How can we go wrong living by such simple rules? We know that God's plans are perfect. When we live obediently, according to God's perfect will, perfection is the result. And thus, a heavenly marriage.

May God be with you all!

Love in Christ,
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