

Equal yet different: PARTNERS

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Introduction:

#1 Love means HUSBANDS die to self,
by _____ themselves, providing security

1st Men love by treating their wives as
the most _____ person on the planet

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her

*Question = In your heart, do you believe that next to Christ,
you're the most important person to me?*

2nd Men love by _____ God's will into every aspect of their lives

Ephesians 5:26 That He might sanctify her, having cleansed her with the washing of the water of the word.

**THE PROBLEM: Christian men who do not pursue the Lord themselves
and therefore cannot spiritual lead their wives.**

Question = Are you convinced I want God's will over everything in our lives?

3rd Men love by cultivating an environment of _____ and SAFETY

Ephesians 5:28-30 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself, for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church.

*Question = Are you convinced I want you to grow and serve;
plus that I desire to protect you from all harm?*

#2 Love means WIVES die to self by
_____ themselves, providing respect

2 Corinthians 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. 1 John 4:10 the Father sent the Son John 14:26 the Father sends the Holy Spirit John 15:26 the Son and the Father send the Spirit John 17 submission of the son, to the Father

1 Corinthians 11:3 I want you to understand that Christ is the head of every man, and the man is the head of a women and God is the head of Christ.

1st Wives submit by being their husband's number one _____

Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, be subject to your **own** husbands, as to the Lord.*

Colossians 3:18 *Wives, be subject to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.*

1 Peter 3:1 *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your **own** husbands*

1 Peter 3:5 *For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their **own** husbands*

Titus 2:5 *to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their **own** husbands, that the word of God may not be dishonored*

Question = Do you believe I am your number one fan?

2nd Wives submit by treating their husband like they would treat Christ - giving their _____

Ephesians 5:22 *Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

Question = Do you believe I give you my best?

3rd Wives submit by following the _____ of their husband

Romans 13:1 *Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.*

REBELLION TO AUTHORITY: Anytime you reject direct or reject delegated authority, that is rebellion; and anytime you accept direct or accept delegated authority that is submission. Rebellion to authority, except when that authority commands you to directly disobey the scripture, is always viewed by God as sin. You cannot be in rebellion on earth and be in submission in heaven. Anytime you rebel to God's designated authority you are not acting like CHRIST but in fact, are acting exactly like SATAN

1 Peter 3:5 *For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands. 6 Thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

Ephesians 5:33 *Nevertheless, let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself, and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.*

1-Respect begins with your FOCUS

2-Respect involves your THANKFULNESS

Question = Do you believe I am committed to following your lead?

Conclusion:

#1 The key issue with marital roles is dying to _____

#2 True Christians submit to _____

Parents Luke 2:51; Employees Titus 2:9; Secular authorities I Timothy 2; Law Enforcement Romans 13:1; Church Eldership 1 Peter 5:5; To God James 4:7; To Christ Ephesians 5:24; To the Word of God Romans 8:7; To each other Ephesians 5:21, To wives

1 Peter 3:1-2 *In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

#3 Develop the habits of _____ in marriage

#4 If Christ is _____; then your marriage will be amazing

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Name as many reasons as you can think of as to why pastors and churches do not teach on the roles in marriage?
- 2-Who is most responsible for the failure in the majority of Christian marriages; husbands or wives?
- 3-Take the time, Husband and Wife, without defensiveness, ask **the GREEN questions** in this outline.
- 4-When the roles of husbands and wives are pursued in marriage, what are the results?
- 5-What dependent steps of obedience can you take right now in your role as a spouse to improve your marriage?

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