

A Christian and Her Husband

Prov. 12:4

Introduction:

- A. A wife can be either the best or worst thing to happen to a man.
- B. A virtuous (worthy) wife is a priceless asset to her husband (Prov. 31:10-31)
- C. We shall notice some relationships a Christian sustains to her husband.

Discussion:

I. A Wife Is to Be Her Husband's *Lover*.

- A. She is to love him in the same way that he is love her as noticed in last lesson.
 - 1. In a romantic passionate way (1 Cor. 7:3 NKJ)
 - 2. In a "moral and social" way as noticed in last lesson.
 - a. Seeks welfare of others.
 - b. Love of principle not passion.
- B. She can learn how to love her husband from older godly women (Tit. 2:4).
 - 1. Bible love can be taught, commanded, learned and obeyed.
 - 2. Too many learn love from movies, TV, etc.
 - a. Falling in and out of love with every wind change.
 - b. Equating love with fornication (cf. Eph. 5:2-3).

II. A Wife Is to Be Her Husband's *Helper*.

- A. God made her to be a "help (helper) meet (suitable) for her husband (Gen. 2:18).
- B. There are many ways she can help (or hinder) him.
 - 1. Helping his reputation (Prov. 31:23).
 - 2. Help supplement family income when needed (Prov. 31:24) – without hindering homemaking.
 - 3. Help him prepare of greater service in the kingdom (1 Tim. 3:4, 11, 12)
 - 4. Help him support the family by being economical – used to have courses in "home economics"
 - 5. Help his morale by showing proper respect for who he is and what he does. (Eph. 5:33; 1 Pet. 3:6)
 - 6. Help him spiritually by a proper example (1 Pet. 3:1-5)
 - 7. Help by providing a peaceful haven away from the "rat race" (Prov. 21:9, 19; 27:15)

III. A Wife Is to Be Her Husband's *Homemaker*.

- A. She can learn this art from older godly women (Tit. 2:5 KJV, ASV, NKJV)
 - 1. Moms teach your daughters these things before they marry.
 - 2. Daughters seek out godly women to learn from – if mom will not teach you.
 - 3. No where are older men told to teacher younger men to be house-husbands.
- B. As homemaker, she is his child-care provider.
 - 1. Too many children raised by someone other than parents.
 - 2. Sometimes necessity dictates – more often desire for more things and freedom.

Conclusion:

- A. It is great when both husbands and wives know their given roles in the family and fulfil them.
- B. Both husbands and wives have to consciously work at it.
- C. The failure of either does not justify the other neglecting his or her responsibility.