

Accept No Substitutes

## Importance of Family Roles, pt. 2

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1. How does bitterness affect a relationship? What could happen in a relationship that could tempt a husband to become bitter toward his wife? What can a wife do to avoid this? What can a husband do to heal or prevent bitterness?
2. Ephesians 5:28 and 29 teaches that husbands are to love their wives as they love themselves. What are some ways that husbands can show that sort of love to their wives?
3. Husbands are to be loving leaders. What can make leadership difficult for the husband? How can wives contribute effectively to family leadership?
4. What does it mean to “dwell [with your wife] according to knowledge” (or “understanding”)?
5. How can a husband honor his wife? How does a wife honor his husband?
6. How is the wife “weaker” than the husband? In what way(s) are the husband and wife equal?
7. What attitudes can hinder a husband’s prayers? Hindered how?
8. Why is the marriage relationship designed to be permanent? What does the permanent nature of marriage mean for the husband and wife? What impact have divorce and alienation in families today had on the fabric of Christian society as a whole?

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**Colossians 3:18,19** <sup>18</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the LORD. <sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

**I Peter 3:1-4,7** <sup>1</sup>Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their lives, <sup>2</sup>when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear. <sup>3</sup>Do not let your adornment be merely outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on fine apparel—<sup>4</sup>rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God ... <sup>7</sup>Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

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**Monday**

Wives, how can you encourage your husbands by supporting them? Husbands, how can you make your wives feel more secure by tangibly showing them you love them? Unmarrieds, how can you support and love others?

**Tuesday**

What are some things that you are willing to do to better understand your spouse or family member?

**Wednesday**

What things make submission difficult? How can you deal with those difficulties?

**Thursday**

How has the world deceived us about husband-wife roles? How can we protect against these deceptions?

**Friday**

Men are to seek to understand their wives. What should be done to help this happen in a marriage?

**Saturday**

“LORD, help me to be more loving and submissive in the days ahead, for Your glory. *Amen.*”

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