The Role of a Wife In Marriage

Understanding Womanhood

I. The Definition of Female: [nâqebah /nek-ay·baw/] One who was created by God as a material and immaterial being, with a unique DNA, 2x chromosome, and the physical distinctive of a vagina, womb, ovaries and uterus for a particular function and purpose in the culture alongside and distinct from a male and all other creations of God. (Genesis 1:27)

A. In most cases men are born with a penis and women are born with a vagina. In the event the either there is a void of or having addition to her normal sexual organs, a chromosome test should verify her gender.

II. The Definition of Womanhood: The mindset, manner, and movement that all females were distinctly created and called by God to function in all aspects of life. (Genesis 2:18)

III. The Duties of a Female: The duties of a female correspond with how she was created by God from the beginning to function: (Genesis 2:18) ézer kenegdo – A helper who is like a male or who is comparable in essence/being only – Gen. 2:18

A. Women are responsible for supporting men in procreation on earth- carrying the life implanted through the seed of her husband to birth so that mankind would reflect the character of God throughout the earth. (Genesis 1:26-30)

B. Women are responsible for supporting men in subduing the earth- support men in governing the earth i.e. stewardship, management, control, and order according to the will of God.(Genesis 2:15,19-20, 1:26-30)

C. Women are responsible for supporting men in dominion of the earth- supporting men in the overseeing the earth Genesis 2:15, 19-20 1:26-30)

D. In essence women are to procreate with spouse only, support men and submit to men in the governance and leadership of creation within realm of their influence and position to the glory of God and the good of mankind (Genesis 2:15, 1:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:1-3).

IV. The Disciplines of Womanhood: A women was not designed to take a man’s place but to work alongside a man. A woman is to operate in such a manner whereby her talents, gifts, abilities corresponds or complements male headship. She is not operate in manner whereby she seeks to replace or be co-equal to male headship. Therefore, it is prudent for woman to learn, live, and discipline herself around the Precepts and Plans of God. (Genesis 1:27, 2:18, 1Corinthians 11:1-3, Proverbs 14:8)
The Practice of A Wife in Marriage

I. Wives are to submit to their husbands (Ephesians 5:22-24)

A. Meaning—to willingly follow the leadership of your husband; to willingly follow the instructions of your husband (Ephesians 5:22-24).

B. Member—to her own husband (1Peter 3:1-6).

C. Manner—as the Church submits to Christ the Lord; as if she were responding to Jesus Christ Himself (Ephesians 5:22-24).

D. Motive—out of respect for God’s design (Ephesians 5:22-24).

E. Magnitude—in everything that is not sin including Preferences (Ephesians 5:22-24).

F. Manifestation—following her husband’s leadership and directives in all that she does in the home and outside the home as unto the Lord; following her husband’s leadership and directives in the raising of the children as unto the Lord; showing respect to her husband in all aspects of the marriage as unto the Lord; managing their home in ways that are in line with her husband’s leadership and directives as unto the Lord; listening to and following through on the things that concern her husband that have been requested of her as unto the Lord (Titus 2:3-5, Proverbs 31:10-31, 1 Corinthians 7:34, 1 Peter 3:1-6).

Implications for Women

A. Women must delight in their position as coheirs with men before the throne of God.

B. Women must develop in the precepts of God in relation to all that God has for women to do in their position and practice established for them through the creation order.

C. Women must be disciplined in their practice of functioning within the role that God established through the creation order.

D. Women must dismiss the perspective that they are less than men because of the role God established for them through the creation order.

E. Women must be devoted to promoting their position and their practice ordained by God to other women so that God may be glorified through their position and practice.

F. Women must discover the pleasure that God brings to their lives as a result of living within the created order of God.
Example of a Job description developed

**POSITION TITLE:** Wife (Support of Family)

**PURPOSE OF THE POSITION:** To support and help her husband in various ways so that he may be and do all God designed for him (Genesis 2:18-22).

**REPORTS TO:** God, Husband, Church Leaders

**RELATES CLOSELY WITH:** Husband, Mother, Father, Mother in law and father in law

**RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

- Submitting to husband in every aspect of life as unto the Lord (Eph 5:23, Titus 2:3-5, 1Peter 3:1)
- Helping her husband in those areas of his life where he is unable to function adequately (Genesis 2:18)
- Meeting his needs in every aspect of the Marriage (Philippians 2:3-4, 1Peter 4:10)
- Showing respect to her husband (Ephesians 5:33)
- Keeping the home inviting and orderly (Titus 2:3-5 Psalm 128:3 Proverbs 31:27)
- Assisting her husband in the raising of children (Titus 2:3-5, Psalm 128:3)
- Keeping herself beautiful inside and outside (1Peter 3:3-5)
- Providing sexual fulfillment to her husband unconditionally (1Corinthians 7:1-5)
- Using her skills, talents, gifts to support her husband and family as first priority (Proverbs 31:27, Psalm128:3, Titus 2:3-5)
- Being loyal, trustworthy, and dependable in attitude, action, and service to her husband in every aspect of the relationship (Proverbs 31:10-12)

**Measurable Goals**

- In what ways am I submitting to my husband?
- How am I using my strengths to compensate for my husband’s weaknesses?
- What needs am I meeting of my husband?
- What ways am I showing respect to my husband?
- Am I keeping the home inviting and orderly?
- What ways am I helping my husband raise our children?
- What am I doing to keep myself attractive for my husband?
- Is my husband satisfied sexually by me?
- What gifts, talents, skills, and resources am I using to support my Husband/my family?