



Godly Roles Inside of Marriage

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I. The Dreaded “S” Word: Submission (Surrender)

- Genesis 2:18: “The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.”
- 1 Peter 3:1a: “Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands.”
- Colossians 3:18: “Wives submit to your husbands as is fitting in the Lord.”

BIG IDEA: Women, dare to surrender. Men, dare to lead.

II. Out of God’s Order

- Genesis 3:16 says: “Then he said to the woman, I will sharpen the pain of your pregnancy and in pain you will give birth and you will desire to control your husband but he will rule over you.”
- According to God, women will always struggle with wanting to be in control while here on earth.

III. Lies I Released Before Surrendering

- Nothing would get done.
- My husband would never act on anything. (Of course, I never gave him the opportunity to act on anything.)
- I’d have to give up the dream of having a ministry with my husband.
- I’d be a doormat and wouldn’t ever be able to speak up.
- Nothing would change.
- No decisions would be made that would benefit me.

IV. Truths I had to Admit

- My motive had to be for Jesus....
- I would have to give up being my husband’s Holy Spirit and quit judging his walk.
- I would have to trust in God’s hierarchy.

Wives, our motive for surrender cannot be for any personal gain!

Husbands, your motive as a leader cannot be for any personal gain!

Ephesians 5:22-24: “Wives submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which He is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.”

V. A New Shift in the Household and Things Begin to Look Different

- Always give your spouse the benefit of the doubt.
- Surrender the emotional baggage of thinking I am responsible for everything.
- Truly listen.
- Pray for him daily.
- Pray together.
- Think charitable thoughts of him.
- Share what is important to you and trust he will consider it.
- Look for what is important to him and try to fulfill these areas.
- Respect everything he says and trust that the Lord may be using him to tell you something.

VI. A Few Specific Reasons to Attempt this Change

Romans 2:13 says: “For it is not those who hear the law that will be righteous in God’s sight, but it is those who obey the law who will be declared righteous.”

- It is a command.
- It is not for personal gain, but out of gratitude for Jesus Christ.

My control and expectations halted his growth from stepping into leadership.

- Ephesians 5:25
- Ephesians 5:28-29, 33

VII. Out of Gratitude for Jesus Christ and His Sacrifice for You, Dare to Receive God’s truth and His Order for Yourself Today

1. Women, dare to be protected.
2. Men, dare to lead.
 - Surrender your hearts to each other.
 - Meet with a couple to mentor and challenge you.
 - Agree to be each other’s safe place.
 - Educate yourselves about marital roles.

WE CHOOSE OUR BEHAVIOR!

Be intentional and determined that your spouse is to be the most respected husband or the most cherished wife on earth.

VIII. A Challenge for Today

1. If you are single, receive God’s truth about marriage roles now.
2. If you are engaged, agree to learn and receive marital roles.
3. Married couples, TAKE AWAY YOUR OPTIONS!
4. Any relationship outside of God’s hierarchy suffers consequences.

Women: On a scale of 1-10, how surrendered are you?										
I	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										
Not					Beginning to					Fully
Surrendered					Surrender					Surrendered

**I have learned that being obedient to following my husband’s leadership means his worst decision will be blessed by God far more than any and all of my best decisions. This is the “HIDDEN JOY” that I am now experiencing.