

Sunday, January 27, 2013  
**Kingdom Women**  
*Ephesians 5; I Corinthians 11*

**Series:** Kingdom Families

We are establishing the fact that marriage exists between a man and a woman to advance the Kingdom of God. The primary reason we have marriage isn't for our happiness. Happiness is a benefit, and it's a benefit that we should keep as a goal. No married couple should be miserable. However, happiness cannot be our primary goal when it comes to marriage. To the contrary, we are told to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth, and to take authority over it. Joy and happiness within a marriage can only be sustained by surrendering to the purpose of marriage. That purpose is to be involved in advancing God's Kingdom upon the earth.

The fact that a man and a woman are both saved is no guarantee that their marriage will succeed. Marriage cannot be left to chance. Marriage has to remain a priority for both the husband and the wife. Many marriages today are in trouble because the wife simply has no respect for her husband.

I. **Kingdom Women Understand The Importance of Submission**  
(Ephesians 5:22-24)

**Submit:** to place one's self up-under

**Barbara Hughes:**

"Obedience to God's will of submission was Eve's point of failure. She doubted God's goodness and wisdom in denying her the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Through the Gospel, we who are Eve's daughters are now also children of God, and we have been given the power to live like Christ. But obedience is still up to us. Submission to our husband begins and ends with trusting God...Eve's point of failure."

**Submission and Respect (practically defined):** a willingness to yield to his husbandly leadership even if she thinks he is wrong; A recognition that God has placed the husband as head of the home, and her submission to his leadership is an awesome tool in the hand of God

1 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV) *But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.*

**John MacArthur:**

"If Christ had not submitted to the will of God, redemption for mankind would have been impossible, and we would forever be doomed and lost. If individual human beings do not submit to Christ as Savior and Lord, they are still doomed and lost, because they reject God's gracious provision. And if women do not submit to men, then the family and society as a whole are disrupted and destroyed. Whether on a divine or human scale, subordination and authority are indispensable elements in God's order and plan."

- If Jesus doesn't like a rebellious wife (the church)...then why do you think your husband would?

1 Corinthians 11:10 (NKJV) *For this reason the woman ought to have a **symbol of authority** on **her** head, because of the angels.*

Hebrews 1:14 (NKJV) *Are they (Angels) not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?*

- The job of our Angel that is assigned to us is to look out for our well being on God's behalf. That's why they are called ministering spirits sent from God. However, Angels cannot do their job for the woman unless they are under God's covering and proper authority.

## **II. Kingdom Women Understand The Importance of Respect**

A. She respects him **verbally** (Ephesians 5:32-33)

- Every wife must learn that her husband's needs are in his head, and not his heart. Men are made by God to receive respect from their wives.

B. She respects him **visibly** (I Peter 3:3-5)

- Hanging out with unholy women, and getting unholy advice, makes you an unholy wife.

Titus 2:4-5 (NKJV) <sup>4</sup> **A holy and spiritually mature woman will...** *admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, <sup>5</sup> to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.*