

Introduction

1. Dad's, today is a day of examination. A day when we men must answer the following question "Given the wife has a special role dictated by the Scripture, are you making it possible for her to fulfill that role as both wife and mother?"
2. Without the required respect and appreciation for her assigned tasks, it will be near impossible for her to function as God has prescribed.
3. The role of the father assigned by God is to initiate the pursuit of spirituality. The active word is initiate; the active word for the wife is respond.
4. Much of this morning's teaching is based on the difficult tasks assigned to the ladies and the necessity of the man to love her as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for her.
5. Let's begin by examining the specifics of her near impossible role as wife and mother and your need to be the leader of the family.

Right Man and Right Woman

1. In 1Ti 2:11 Paul is dealing with the context of women in the local assembly. How should the head of the family relate to the woman given her marching orders.

1Ti 2:11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission.

2. The silence here has to do with maintaining quiet in the assembly and does not forbid a woman to take an active part in the work of the church in her own sphere and under the limitations imposed upon her.

3. Kenneth Wuest has the following to say of the silence of women as described in 1Ti 2:11.

"This admonition to the effect that women are to learn in silence with all subjection, is made clear as to its meaning by 1Co 14:34 and 35, where the women were disturbing the church service by asking their husbands questions, presumably about that which was being preached. The silence here in 1Ti 2:11 has to do with maintaining quiet in the assembly ..."

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience as also saith the law.

1Co 14:35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

4. There are three considerations hidden from many who have exegeted these passages:

- How many husbands can answer questions about the Scriptures?
- How often do husbands discuss the Scriptures with their families?
- How many husbands recognize the importance of not just discussing the Scriptures with the wife but soliciting her thinking regarding the Scriptures?

5. Before we leave this passage, let me leave you with an Old Testament exhortation for the family.

Deu 6:6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

Deu 6:7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.

6. Question? Men, do you spend time with your wife and children discussing the Scriptures? If you do, you make obedience to God's protocol much easier.

Right Man/Right Woman

1. The term Right Man/Right Woman (RM/RW) refers to two souls prepared in eternity past uniquely designed to come together in time as husband and wife.

Gen 2:18 And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him ...

Gen 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

1.1 From Gen 1:27 compared with Gen 2:24, we can safely conclude that the souls of the RM/RW were created in eternity past concurrently. Though created in eternity past they are to become one in time. Perfect souls housed in perfect bodies designed one for another.

2. It is God's desire that the RM and RW come together in marriage. There are those who have married someone other than their RM/RW. When this occurs God's protocol demands you take in the Word and enjoy the mistake.

3. If you are married, as far as the Scripture is concerned, you have your spouse. Your job is to acquire the skills to enjoy him or her. Even if you think you have missed the boat, the Bible tells you to row a little faster, you can still reach the port of "conjugal bliss."

4. The Scripture has so much to say concerning the RM and the RW; we must therefore consider it a most important gift. One such example from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus:

Eph 5:22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Eph 5:23 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.

Eph 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

Eph 5:26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,
Eph 5:27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Eph 5:28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

5. God has blessed planet earth with Woman. God created the first woman as a perfect completer of the first man. Man had a need for the woman even in perfection. God built her soul and body to perfectly fulfill his needs. Man is incomplete without his RW.

Gen 2:19 Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.

Gen 2:20 So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds of the air and all the beasts of the field. *But for Adam no suitable helper was found.*

5.1 God provided an essential helper for man in order to complete him, be he unbeliever or believer. Even the unbeliever can enjoy the RM/RW relationship.

Ecc 9:9 Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun -- all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun.

5.2 As a result of the fall, the woman received three curses:

5.2.1 One such curse was the desire to love and obey the husband. Men must recognize this curse; it can be either a wonderful blessing to man or a terrible curse.

5.2.2 Unfortunately, young men are often so insecure they squelch this God given desire.

5.2.3 The physical curse is well known and needs little explanation.

Gen 3:16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

6. The pattern of RM/RW was established in Gen 2:21-23.

Gen 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs (*a supporting timber used to support a building*), and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

Gen 2:22 And the rib (*in this case a support for man*), which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

Gen 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

7. The soul and body of the RM/RW were made compatible and designed for proper functioning in time but only after proper transformation from doctrine resident in the soul.

Rom 12:2 Be you not conformed to this world but be you transformed by the renewing of the mind in order that you might know the good and acceptable and perfect will of God in Christ Jesus.

7.1 Their souls are compatible and complement one another in their likes and dislikes, affinities, differences etc. Only doctrine cycled by the RM/RW will bring these propensities into harmony.

7.2 Sex with someone other than the RM/RW is less than the best and an abomination to God.

Pro 6:32 But whoso committeth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

1Co 6:16 What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.

1Co 6:17 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.

1Co 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

8. A man must look upon the wife as the weaker vessel much like a daughter given to him for his protection but always recognizing she has volition. Pat Boone was quoted as saying "I always carry a picture of my wife as a cute little girl." Such a device seemingly provides a nice reminder of the RM's responsibility to nurture and protect.

1Pe 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

9. Marriage is a formidable task so the RM/RW must know a great deal about one another. Things the RM/RW should know:

9.1 To find a RW is a precious gift from the Lord.

Pro 18:22 He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the LORD.

9.2 To find your RM/RW you must be in the Word growing spiritually.

10. The husband is to love the wife as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it.

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

10.1 For the husband to love like Christ loved the Church and for the woman to be obedient even as was Sarah to Abraham calling him Lord is unique and yes impossible apart from a major transformation of the mind.

10.2 Notice how Peter describes this complex relationship.

1Pe 3:1 Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

1Pe 3:2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives.

1Pe 3:3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes.

1Pe 3:4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight.

1Pe 3:5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands,

10.2.1 Peter (in the preceding five verses) is not against braided hair, gold, pearls or expensive clothing. It is clearly a principle that is being communicated. A lady with Bible doctrine in her soul will display ordered and attractive apparel; such display will not be a product of outward appearance but of metabolized doctrine in her soul.

10.3 As the believer responds to doctrine so also should the RW respond to the RM and the RM must love his wife even as he loves and takes care of himself.

Eph 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

Eph 5:32 This is a profound mystery -- but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Eph 5:33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

10.4 Both the man and the woman in deciding to become man and wife are making significant lifetime decisions with great potential both for blessing and discipline.

11. The greatest attacks on RM/RW are:

- man's rejection of doctrine and his failure to look beyond outward appearance,
- the failure of the RW to take in the Word and wait for her knight in shining armor,

- woman's failure to submit after she has found her RM,
- the man reacting to his RW,
- the woman in error, thinking she can change the RM
- and man's refusal to converse with the RW.

12. Reversionistic attacks against RM/RW often take the form of:

12.1 promiscuity,

Pro 5:1 My son, pay attention to my wisdom, listen well to my words of insight,
 Pro 5:2 that you may maintain discretion and your lips may preserve knowledge.
 Pro 5:3 For the lips of an adulteress drip honey, and her speech is smoother than oil;
 Pro 5:4 but in the end she is bitter as gall, sharp as a double-edged sword.
 Pro 5:5 Her feet go down to death; her steps lead straight to the grave.

12.2 Wide spread reversionism in a nation will result in the fifth cycle of discipline and the destruction of the four divine institutions (volition, marriage, family and nationalism).

13. The Mosaic Law called for capital punishment for 14 crimes and four of the 14 were designed to protect the RM/RW relationship.

- Homosexuality

Lev 20:13 "If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They must be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.

- Adultery

Lev 20:10 "If a man commits adultery with another man's wife -- with the wife of his neighbor -- both the adulterer and the adulteress must be put to death.

- Unchaste Status

Deu 22:20 If, however, the charge is true and no proof of the girl's virginity can be found,
 Deu 22:21 she shall be brought to the door of her father's house and there the men of her town shall stone her to death. She has done a disgraceful thing in Israel by being promiscuous while still in her father's house. You must purge the evil from among you.

- Rape

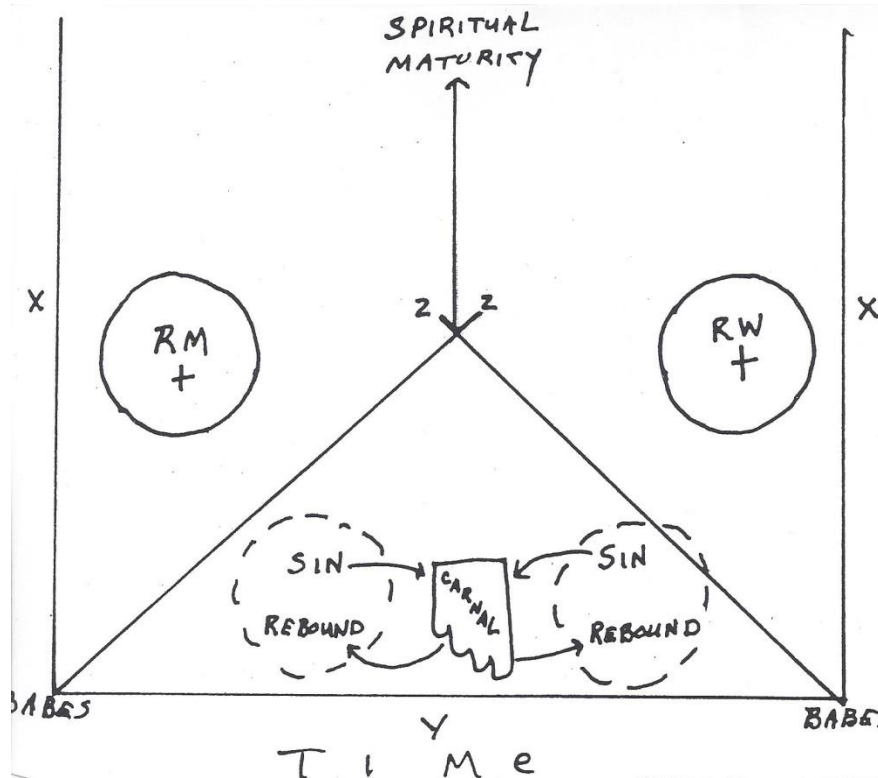
Deu 22:25 But if out in the country a man happens to meet a girl pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die.

14. Everyone has a RM/RW unless they possess the gift of celibacy.

15. It is God's desire that Christians take in the Word until their RM or RW comes along and then they are to stay together forever; hopefully they will remain happy as two peas in a pod. Happiness in marriage does not, however automatically happen. Making a good marriage is hard work.

16. A young lady offered a comparison that seems appropriate to the "work" required for a good marriage. I shall paraphrase her suggestion, "Marriage is comparable to a savings account. The thought and care invested in marriage earns valuable 'interest,' a life of gaining a treasured friend and companion. No investment—no return." The young lady then said "you can use that idea in one of your "sermons." And so, I have done.

17. One last chart and I will close.



Conclusion

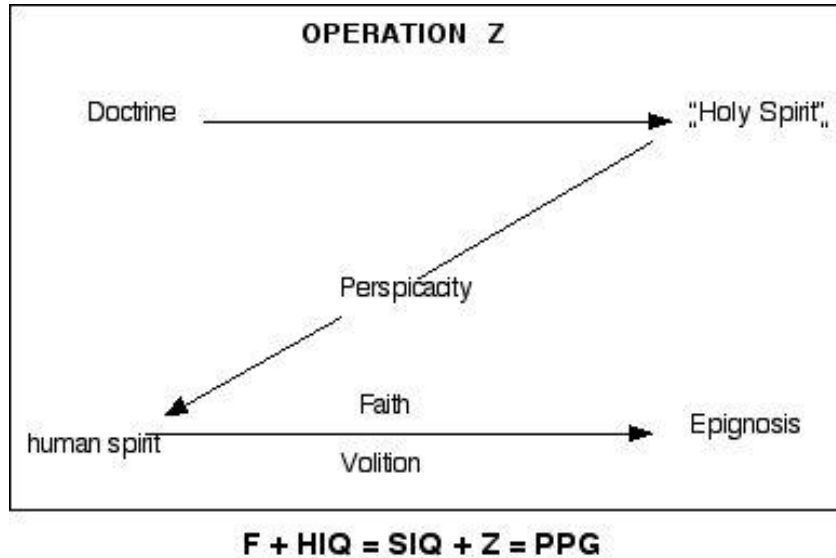
1. Back to our original question men! Are we up to the task? Well the only way we can be up to the formidable task is to start displaying positive volition to the Word. The Scriptures clearly teach that metabolized doctrine is the only source of our being the husband and father God would have for us to be.
2. Obeying the Scripture will undoubtedly be most impactful to you, your wife and your children.
3. NEVER FORGET "Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her."

4. Kenneth come and lead us in another song.

5. Announcements

6. Giving explanation and offering.

7. I want to close with our invitation but first let's look at a chart which explains how the Holy Spirit makes clear the salvation message to all who are positive at point of God consciousness.



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