

The Work Within The Marital Relationship (Part 2)

I. Introduction: See part 1 of this lesson before proceeding. Like the husband being a good leader, the role of the wife takes work too.

A. A woman can easily throw out that she is the subordinate in the marriage relationship (**I Peter 3:1-6**) and blame her husband for things going wrong.

1. A woman cannot err and expect to be excused because her husband didn't prevent it (**Genesis 3:9-13** and **I Timothy 2:13-15**).

2. We should all realize we are each accountable for our own actions even when leaders fail to lead (**Romans 14:11-12** and **II Corinthians 5:10**).

B. Women can have a major impact on the home (**Proverbs 12:4**, **Proverbs 21:9**, **Proverbs 21:19**, **Proverbs 25:24**, and **Proverbs 27:15**).

1. Question: Do you want your husband to trust you and believe you will be good for him (**Proverbs 31:10-12**)?

2. Question: Would you want to be known as a Jezebel (**I Kings 21:25**)?

II. Body: Being A "Help Meet" [Aid] (**Genesis 2:18**).

A. Part 1 of this series concluded with **Titus 2:3-5**. Let's look at some of those points more closely.

1. Godly women are taught to be sober (**I Thessalonians 5:6**).

2. To love their husbands (i.e. **Song of Solomon 3:1-5**).

3. To love their children (**Proverbs 4:3**).

4. Discretion [moderate as to opinion or passion]. Not like **Proverbs 7:10-12**

5. Chaste [pure] (**I Peter 3:1-4** and **I John 3:3**).

6. Keepers at home [*that is if following the pattern of the woman being at home] (**I Timothy 5:11-14**).

7. Good (**I Timothy 5:10**).

8. Obedient so that the word of God be not blasphemed (see again; **I Timothy 5:14**). Thus, it is not just personal between you and your husband!

B. If your husband is failing or lacking, your work is to be an aid (within what you are capable of). So, prop up his weaknesses, be his strength. This principle should not be foreign to us as Christians (**I Thessalonians 5:11; 5:14**).

1. Do all that you can so that he can live joyfully with you (**Ecclesiastes 9:9**).

2. Be a home builder (**Proverbs 14:1**).

C. A few, of many, practical ways a wife can help her husband (being mindful of a point from lesson 1 - AS MUCH AS SHE IS CAPABLE)...

1. In his business affairs (**Acts 18:1-4**).

2. **If** you are a wife at home, guiding [managing] the household (again; **I Timothy 5:14**). **IF**, a man works hard he should be able to come home to

rest rather than to switch hats from laborer outside to laborer inside the home (**Ecclesiastes 5:12**).

3. Remember that marriage includes some authorized carnality wherein you should seek to please your husband (**I Corinthians 7:34**).

4. Remember the importance of giving your body to him as he does his to you for pleasure in the bedroom (**I Corinthians 7:3-4** and **Hebrews 13:4**).

5. Don't be a wife like Job's if your husband is going through difficult times (**Job 2:9**).

III. Conclusion: Both the husband and the wife should ultimately be most concerned about saving each other even if it would appear unlikely (**I Corinthians 7:16**).