

**THE HOME AS GOD WOULD
HAVE IT**

**Eph. 5:22-33, 6:1-4; Ex. 20:12;
Deut. 5:16**

INTRODUCTION: God's first great
institution was the home. **Gen. 2:18-24**

- GOD has the right to govern our homes, and the teachings of Christ should regulate our family life and show us the way to true happiness in this relationship.

Col. 3: 18-21;

1 Peter 3:1-9

- Failure to follow the will of Christ will affect my relationship to Christ. Titus 2: 1-8; 1 Tim. 5:1-8, 16; 1 Peter 3:7

DEFINE MARRIAGE - “Marriage is a
institution
ordained of God for the honor and
happiness of
mankind, in which one man and one woman
enter into a bodily and spiritual union,
pledging
each to the other mutual love, honor, fidelity,
sympathy, forbearance and comradeship
such as
would assure an unbroken continuance of
their

A. Marriage is the most intimate and permanent of earthly relationships.

Marriage must have as its basis and foundation:

- Respect: Gen. 4:4; Prov. 31:27-28, cf. vs. 12; Eph. 5:33; 1 Peter 3:7
- Love: Def. (25 & 26) 1 Cor. 13:4-8
- Trust: (trust worthy) Confide in, feel safe with
Pro. 3:3-5, rely on, believe in.
- A desire to please God: All marriages should have God at the helm. In the drivers seat. **Pro. 16:7; 1 John 3:22**

- A desire to please your spouse: Eph. 5:22;
Col. 3:18; Eph. 5:25, 28-29; Col. 3:19
 - A desire for mutual happiness: Prov. 5:15-19
Prov. 18:22; Eccl. 9:9; 1 Pet. 3:7; Eph. 5:28-33
- Find out what works (brings happiness) and stay consistent.

***** The relationship of marriage is suggested by two words: *****

1. “HEAD” -- This is the God ordained position of the husband. 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23; 1 Tim. 3:4-5

“ruleth” - To preside over, superintend
(b) To be a protector or guardian.

“To give aid” (Thayer) Pg. 539

“To manage or preside over” (Barclay)

- The woman is to guide the household affairs under her husband's headship. 1

Tim. 5:14

“guide” -- To rule a household, manage family affairs. (Thayer) Pg. 439

- B. While the husband is the “head”, his position is to be one of Love and all decisions must be made on this basis. He must therefore:

(1) “Give honor unto the wife as unto the weaker vessel”. **1 Peter 3:7**

(2) “Be not bitter against her”. **Col. 3:19**

2. “Help” This is the God ordained position of (aid, succor) the wife. **Gen. 2:18**

A. Her position is one of subjection to her husband. **Eph. 5:23**

WHY??

a. Man was made first. **1 Tim. 2:12-13**

b. Woman was deceived in the transgression

1 Timothy 2:14

c. Woman was made for the man. **1 Cor. 11:8-9**

B. She should not usurp authority over the man. **1 Timothy 2:12; 1 Cor. 14: 23-26, 34-35**

C. Throughout the Bible, this may be seen:

(a) The “Worthy Woman” of **Prov. 31** is happy with this position.

(b) Her character “a virtuous woman”
“The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her”.

- (c) Her willingness to help - vs. 13-16
- (d) Her benevolence - vs. 19-20
- (e) Her unselfishness - vs. 21-22,
24-25
- (f) Her encouragement to her husband
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vs. 23
- (g) Her wisdom - vs. 26
- (h) Her kind disposition - vs. 26
- (i) Her respect from her husband and
children - vs. 27-31