

WOMAN IS RELATIONAL

1 Peter 3:1-7

DESIGNED TO BE A HELPER

- **Learning to be a “helper.”**
 - **Doing good for him**
- **Learn the relationship between them**
 - **The Man is to love, seek his wife’s good**
 - **He must understand her characteristics**
 - **The Woman is to submit to her husband.**
 - **She must give him respect**

GENESIS 2

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

**23 The man 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."**

THE "HELPER"

PROVERBS 31

¹⁰ An **excellent wife**, who can find?
For her worth is far above jewels.

¹¹ The heart of **her husband trusts** in
her,

And he will have no lack of gain.

¹² **She does him good and not evil**
All the days of her life.

¹³ She looks for wool and flax
And works with her hands in delight.

PROVERBS 31

**14 She is like merchant ships;
She brings her food from afar.**

**15 She rises also while it is still night
And gives food to her household
And portions to her maidens.**

**16 She considers a field and buys it;
From her earnings she plants a
vineyard.**

**17 She girds herself with strength
And makes her arms strong.**

EPHESIANS 5

22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

EPHESIANS 5b

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself;

EPHESIANS 5c

29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

1PETER 3

¹ In the same way, you wives, **be submissive to your own husbands** so that even if any *of them* are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by **the behavior** of their wives, ² as they observe your **chaste and respectful behavior**. ³ Your adornment must not be *merely* external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses;

1PETER 3b

⁴ but *let it be* the **hidden** person of the heart, with the **imperishable** quality of **a gentle and quiet spirit**, which is precious in the sight of God.

⁵ For in this way in former times the holy women also, **who hoped in God**, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands;

THE NATURAL MAN VS. THE SPIRITUAL MAN

¹⁴ But **a natural man** does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and **he cannot understand them**, because they are spiritually appraised. ¹⁵ But **he who is spiritual appraises all things**, *Including the spiritual qualities in his wife.*

1PETER 3c

⁶ just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, **calling him lord**, and you have become her children if you **do what is right** without being frightened by any fear.

⁷ You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and **show her honor** as **a fellow heir** of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.