

POWER IN ROLES

Godly Roles- Required function of somebody, or the part somebody plays in an action or event

Before we accept Godly roles, we must first recognize, HE is God Almighty!! - 1 Chron 29:11-12 - 11 **YOURS**, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. **YOURS**, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

*** Question; what defines us? What we desire, what we feel, what others say or what God says.**

Roles are for a Godly reason –

Everyone plays a very important part - 1 Cor 12:14-27-14 Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact **GOD HAS ARRANGED THE PARTS IN THE BODY, EVERY ONE OF THEM, JUST AS HE WANTED THEM TO BE**. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many parts, but one body. 21 The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" 22 On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has combined the members of the body and has given greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. 26 If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

The Head is reserved solely for Christ - Eph 4:15-16 - 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into **him who is the Head, that is, Christ**. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

UNDERSTAND...We are all in Christ, so we don't look at our roles to define us, we are to be defined by Christ - Gal 3:26-29-26 You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, 27 for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

Men need women as much as women need men. Most importantly, we all need God. - 1 Cor 11:11-12 - 11 **In the Lord**, however, woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. 12 For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God

There are requirements to be considered part of Christ's family - Matt 12:48-50 - 48 He replied to him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" 49 Pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. 50 **For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.**"

Tools and concepts that are a must in order to successfully fulfill our Godly roles

Teach what is in the Bible - Titus 2:1- You must teach what is in accord with sound doctrine

Be in control of how you communicate

James 3:6 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell.

James 1:19-21 - 19 My dear brothers, take note of this: **Everyone** should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, 20 for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires. 21

Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word **planted in you**, which can save you.

*****Submission is not an option, but a must** - (to yield to that person's position. Not to how the person is or how you feel about them, but to the position God placed them in.) (Remember, obeying God trumps all of these (AC 5:29)

One another - Eph 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

To the government - Rom 13:1 -**Everyone must submit** himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

To religious workers - 1 Cor 16:15-16 - 15 You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints. I urge you, brothers, 16 to submit to such as these and to everyone who joins in the work, and labors at it.

Church leaders - Heb 13:17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority.

Most importantly God - James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

How we are to treat others does depend on what they are -1 Tim 5:1-2 - Do not rebuke an older man harshly, but exhort him as if he were your father. Treat younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity.

GODLY ROLES WE ARE BORN WITH DEFINED

MAN.

Mas created to be led by Christ and to Lead- 1 Cor 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of **EVERY MAN** is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Man is the Image & the glory of God and must display that –

1 Cor 11:7 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

1 Cor 11:14 Does not the very nature of things teach you that **if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him**,

Respect your elders!! - 1 Peter 5:5 Young men , in the same way be submissive to those who are older.

All men must be taught some Godly principles –

Titus 2:2 Teach the older men to be temperate, worthy of respect, self-controlled, and sound in faith, in love and in endurance.

Titus2:6-8- 6 Similarly, encourage the **young men** to be self-controlled. 7 **In everything** set them an example by doing what is good. In your teaching show integrity, seriousness 8 and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.

WOMAN.

Woman was created to be led and Help man- 1 Cor 11:3 Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

There is some man that is the head in your life - (Husband, Father, or Pastor)

Woman was created for God, for man –

1 Cor 11:8-10 - 8 For man did not come from woman, but woman from man; 9 neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. 10 For this reason, and because of the angels, the woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head.

1 Cor 11:5-6- 5 And every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head — it is just as though her head were shaved. 6 If a woman does not cover her head, she should have her hair cut off; and if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut or shaved off, she should cover her head.

1 Cor 11:13-16 - 13 Judge for yourselves: **Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered?** 14 Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, 15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? **FOR LONG HAIR IS GIVEN TO HER AS A COVERING.** 16 If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other practice — nor do the churches of God.

Woman is the glory of man - 1 Cor 11:7 A man ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but the woman is the glory of man.

Women must be taught some Godly principles - Titus2:3-5 -3 Likewise, **teach the older women** to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good. 4 **THEN THEY CAN TRAIN** the younger women to love their husbands and children, 5 to **BE** self-controlled and pure, to BE busy at home, to BE kind, and to BE subject to their husbands, so that no one will malign the word of God.

How should a Godly woman show her beauty? –

1 Tim 2:9-10 - 9 I also want women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10 but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

1 Peter 3:3-6 - 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 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. 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, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Controversial but commanded

Women are to let the husband represent the family - 1 Cor 14:33-38 - As in all the congregations of the saints, 34 women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the Law says. 35 If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church. 36 **DID THE WORD OF GOD ORIGINATE WITH YOU?** Or are you the only people it has reached? 37 If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. **38 IF HE IGNORES THIS, HE HIMSELF WILL BE IGNORED.**

The weakness can be the downfall if we do not obey - 1 Tim 2:11-15 -11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she must be silent. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And **Adam was not the one deceived; it was the woman who was deceived and became a sinner**. 15 But women will be saved through childbearing-if they continue in faith, love and holiness with propriety.

CHOSEN ROLES

HUSBAND

Husbands are not only to Love their wives, they are to love them like Christ loves the Church -Eph 5:25-33 - 25 **Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 **In this same way**, husbands ought to **love their wives as their own bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but **he feeds and cares for it**, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 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." 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife **must** respect her husband.

- Husbands
 - Love as you love your own body
 - Man loves himself by loving God
 - He loves his wife by feeding and caring for her
 - Love as Christ Love the Church
 - Totally giving yourself for her holiness
 - Cleansing from the Word

Not only love them, but not being harsh with them - Col 3:19 **Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them**.

Husbands must respect the wife as the weaker partner - 1 Peter 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.

As fathers do not discourage your children but correctly raise your children –

Col 3:21 **Fathers**, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

The main ingredients to a successful husband - Ps 128:1-4 - Blessed are all who fear the Lord, who walk in his ways. 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 **THIS IS THE MAN BLESSED WHO FEARS THE LORD**.

A Godly Husbands anthem - Josh 24:15 But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD ."

WIFE.

A helper, as in partner, for the husband - Gen 2:18 The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

Wives must SUBMIT and RESPECT their Husbands

Eph 5:22-24 - 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 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. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands IN EVERYTHING.

Col 3:18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

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

God gave "THE ANSWER" to wives on how to communicate to their husbands - 1 Peter 3:1-6 - **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*, 2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 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. 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, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

Wives

- Be submissive to your husbands
- Won over by seeing your reverent and pure life and not necessarily by your words
- Internal Beauty is unfading, gentle, quiet, and shown by trusting in God

The power of a wife can destroy if not used correctly

Prov 25:24 better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome wife.

Prov 27:15-16 - 15 A quarrelsome wife is like a constant dripping on a rainy day; 16 restraining her is like restraining the wind or grasping oil with the hand.

Prov 21:19 Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife .

Virtuous wife, a Godly woman (Proverbs 31:10-31) *---- see addendum

HUSBAND & WIFE

Husband and wife are the representation of Christ and the Church - Eph 5:32 This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Husband and wife are one - Matt 19:4-6 - 4 "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? 6 So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Each individual's relationship with Christ is the most important part of the relationship - 1 Cor 7:14-16 – 14 For the unbelieving husband has been sanctified through his wife, and the unbelieving wife has been sanctified through her believing husband. Otherwise your children would be unclean, but as it is, they are holy. 15 **But if the unbeliever leaves, let him do so. A believing man or woman is not bound in such circumstances; God has called us to live in peace**. 16 How do you know, wife, whether you will save your husband? Or, how do you know, husband, whether you will save your wife?

Children must be raised with purpose - 1 Thess 2:11-12 - 11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, 12 encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.

Parents are to save-up for Children - 2 Cor 12:14 Now I am ready to visit you for the third time, and I will not be a burden to you, because what I want is not your possessions but you. After all, children should not have to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.

CHILDREN.

Parents are the authority, not the children –

Col 3:20 - Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord

Eph 6:1-3-Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Children should receive their parent's guidance - Prov 1:8-9 -8 Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. 9 They will be a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck.

Let children be children and learn - Matt 18:2-4 - 2 He called a little child and had him stand among them. 3 And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. 4 Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

Discipline is a must in a Child's life - Heb 12:7-11 - 7 Endure hardship as discipline; **God is treating you as sons. For **what son is not disciplined by his father?** 8 If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons. 9 Moreover, **we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it.** How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live! 10 Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. 11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.**

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITY

We must take care of family - 1 Tim 5:8 If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is **worse than an unbeliever.**

When the children exist, they should take care of their parents and grandparents - 1 Tim 5:3-4 - 3 Give proper recognition to those widows who are really in need. 4 But if a widow has children or grandchildren, these should learn first of all to put their religion into practice by caring for their own family and so repaying their parents and grandparents, for this is pleasing to God.

EMPLOYER.

Employers watch how you treat you employees because you must answer to God - Eph 6:9 - 9 And masters, treat your slaves in the same way. Do not threaten them, since you know that he who is both their Master and yours is in heaven, and there is no favoritism with him.

Give them what is right for the work they do because you have to answer to God for it - Col 4:1 -Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

EMPLOYEE.

Employees, work as if you are working for the Lord – Titus 2:9-10 -9 Teach slaves to be subject to their masters in everything, to try to please them, not to talk back to them, 10 and not to steal from them, but to show that they can be fully trusted, so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Savior attractive.

Respect them for the position they are in - Eph 6:5-8 - 5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. 6 Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. 7 Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, 8 because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free.

Do it when they are around and when they are not around - Col 3:22-25 - 22 Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. 23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, 24 since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. 25 Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for his wrong, and there is no favoritism.

LEADERS.

Leaders are just following God's instruction (or at least should be) don't make it hard on them - Heb 13:17 - 17 Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

- *If you discourage and browbeat a leader he will be ineffective because he will hesitate to make tough decisions.
- * If you enable a Leader when he is wrong you make him ineffective by puffing him up in his error and confusing right from wrong.
- **Most important make sure when you are helping a man to become a Godly leader, that it is a Godly leader defined by God not thought up by you.**

CHURCH OFFICES.

The mandatory qualifications of Pastor/Ministers –

1 Tim 3:1-7- Here is a trustworthy saying: If anyone sets his heart on being an overseer, he desires a noble task. 2 Now the overseer must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, 3 not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. 4 **He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect.** 5 (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) 6 He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. 7 He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

Titus 1:7-9 -7 Since an overseer is entrusted with God's work, he must be blameless — not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. 8 Rather he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. 9 He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

Titus 1:6 An elder must be blameless, the husband of but one wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient.

Eph 4:11-13 - 11 **It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers,** 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, SO THAT the body of Christ may be built up 13 **UNTIL we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.**

1 Peter 5:1-4-5:1 To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and one who also will share in the glory to be revealed: 2 Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, serving as overseers-not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not greedy for money, but eager to serve; 3 not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. 4 And **when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.**

Deacons' mandatory qualifications - 1 Tim 3:8-13 - 8 Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. 9 They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 10 They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. 11 In the same way, their wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. 12 A deacon must be the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well. 13 Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

If God gave it to us, it's meant for us - Heb 12:1-3 - Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the RACE MARKED OUT FOR US. 2 Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. *

When it comes down to it, we must recognize God as Lord and never question Him - Rom 9:20-21 - 20 But **WHO ARE YOU, O MAN, TO TALK BACK TO GOD?** "Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?'" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

Addendum

<p>A woman's true worth</p>	<p>*10 A wife of noble character <u>who can find</u>? She is worth far more than rubies.</p> <p>*29 "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all</p>
<p>The True Helper God intended</p>	<p>11 Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. 12 She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life.</p> <p>23 Her husband is respected at the city gate, where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.</p>
<p>Dependable, Skilled and not lazy, she makes sure her family is provided for and they know it</p>	<p>*13 She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands. 14 She is like the merchant ships, bringing her food from afar. 15 She <u>gets up while it is still dark</u>; she <u>provides food for her family and portions for her servant girls</u>.</p> <p>*17 She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks.</p> <p>*19 In her hand she holds the distaff and grasps the spindle with her fingers. 21 When it snows, she has no fear for her household; <u>for all of them are clothed in scarlet</u>. 22 She makes coverings for her bed; she is clothed in fine linen and purple. 24 She makes linen garments and sells them, and supplies the merchants with sashes. 25 She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come</p> <p>*27 She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. 28 Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her</p>
<p>Excellent business woman</p>	<p>*16 She <u>considers a field and buys it</u>; out of her earnings she plants a vineyard.</p> <p>*18 She sees that her trading is profitable, and her lamp does not go out at night.</p>
<p>Makes sure to provide for those in need</p>	<p>*20 She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy</p>
<p>Excellent Guide and teacher</p>	<p>*26 She speaks with wisdom and faithful instruction is on her tongue.</p>
<p>Puts full trust in God</p>	<p>30 Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. 31 Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.</p>

10. How should husbands love their wives?

11. What is the main ingredient of a successful husband?

12. As husbands MUST love their wives, wives must _____ their husband.

13. Parents may have what over children?

14. Explain what it means to discipline a child.

15. All leaders must give an account to whom?