

Angie's Marriage Column – December 29, 2015

Why My Husband is My Covering & Why I Need Him to Be

The Word of God

Our loving God did not provide principles nor make commands to cause contention among the sexes; nor did God make up rules and regulations that would give the male superiority over the female. **There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise. Galatians 3:28**

To be the "head of" does not make the "head" better or more superior in the eyes of God. **Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. Matthew 23:10-11**

It is very interesting how our behavior changes everything in our marriage and lives. "Cause and Effect" shows us the minute we veer from God's instruction, our lives become chaotic and we stop producing good fruits for our marriage.

Why My Husband is the Head over Me

Many might find this hard to believe but the woman was made for man; the man was not made for the woman. **And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an helpmeet for him. Genesis 2:18**

If we believe and love God with all of our heart, mind and soul then we need to BELIEVE IN and TRUST in HIS PRINCIPLES FOR OUR LIVES. It's that simple.

I was made to be a helper (helpmeet) to my husband! This says all that I need to know. I don't want to disobey God...in fact; I want to do His will each and every day. How can I be a *helpmeet* to my husband? See article at the bottom of this newsletter.

God created man and woman with deep inner desires. Those desires are emotional needs, sexual needs, physical needs, mental needs, and spiritual needs. This IS WHAT THE ONE FLESH IS ALL ABOUT! We become ONE with the man or woman we married, sharing needs and desires with each other. Please look at what the needs and desires are in marriage again...ONE FLESH Marriage.

Your husband's body does not belong to him alone but to his wife and the wife's body does not belong to her alone but to her husband. **The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. 1 Corinthians 7:4**

Even though it is the wife's own body it does not belong to her alone and vice versa. Husband and wife were made perfect for each other in *every way*; the one complements the other. Hence, God did not make another Adam to be Adam's helpmeet because that would not be complimentary in *any way*. The male and female union is the only real ONE FLESH! Husband and wife are in each other's power, with regard to the body, so that they may not defraud one another.

Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man. 1 Corinthians 11:9. He needed to say that so we would recognize how headship works in a marriage. **The wife was not created to be "head" over the husband but to be his helper!** In the same way the Church was not made for Jesus Christ but Jesus Christ was made for the Church, as its SAVIOR, because true followers ARE THE CHURCH and Jesus Christ is our SAVIOR, if we allow Him to SAVE US! **For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Ephesians 5:23**

Man was made in God's image and then woman was also made in God's image and perfectly suited for man in every way. God did not make one to be a slave and the other a tyrannical dictator...that is not God's design for marriage. Please read on ...

My husband is the Head over me because God instructs him to be.

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“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.” (1 Corinthians 11:3)

In the term “the head of the woman is man” head is not used to suggest that the man has control over the woman but “the source of” the woman. Because man was created first, the woman derives her existence from man, as man does from Christ and Christ from God. **When a husband submits his life to Christ first, a wife should not have any reservations about submitting to her husband’s spiritual headship.**

No husband should control his wife to be a certain way for him. Otherwise it would not be true submission! Scripture would not apply in this instance. In other words, a husband cannot yell at his wife and demand obedience by saying, “Scripture says you have to obey me or else”. No....scripture does not say that. This is incorrect and inappropriate behavior from a husband. A husband shouldn’t have to exploit scripture incorrectly to show his wife that he loves her. Something is terribly amiss in this man’s relationship with Christ.

If a husband is abusing his position because he is behaving selfishly and recklessly then his wife will surely have a difficult time submitting to him. Remember...“Cause and Effect”. Our inappropriate behavior causes a bad effect. Nothing will change for the better in this kind of marriage until the husband gets right with God/Jesus Christ. Do not become self righteous and blame your wife for not submitting; blame yourself for not submitting to Christ! Get yourself right with Christ first and then be the man your wife deserves to have.

In fact, all a husband has to do when he is not sure about his position as head over his wife is ask himself this, “Would Jesus care for His church like this?” Would Christ become bossy and demanding of His church? How does Christ love his church? This is how husbands are to love their wives.

Jesus Christ lovingly instructs us how to live our lives in accordance to His will. He then lets us know that by doing this we will produce **Fruits of the Spirit** and become blessed in our lives. And it is so TRUE! **Galatians 5:22-23**

Nothing else needs to be said about this. If husbands and wives are not following the 'will of God' for their marriage this is why your marriage cannot stand up during the storm(s). Unhappy marriages are unhappy for a reason and that reason is the *effects* of our own behaviors....cause and effect, remember?

True submission is voluntary not involuntary!

Husbands Instructions: To be head over wife means to take care of her in every way imaginable in a loving, non demanding way by making sure she is not harmed emotionally, physically, mentally, or sexually. In essence, a husband is to be her covering...

Husbands are to love their wives *through the Word*. In the same way Christ cleanses us by a washing of water *through the Word*. In fact, it is Christ's death that sanctifies and cleanses the church (the true worshippers of Christ). He cleanses us of sin, making us holy, setting us apart for his purpose. It is God's Word that cleanses us and prepares us for our salvation.

Marriage belongs to God and is also set apart for His purpose.

Wives Instructions: To be the helpmeet to her husband through submission. For example: If your husband asks you to not drive your old car at night because the car could break down along a desolate stretch of road, then he is asking you to do something that would keep you from being potentially harmed. This is just one example there are thousands of ways that a husband would take care of his wife.

A wife should always respect and honor her husband's decision making for her when it is done "in the Lord". A loving husband who understands his role as head over the wife will *lovingly show* his wife how certain things she wants to do or be would be putting herself in harm's way. She needs to listen to her husband and

realize he is only trying to keep her from inappropriate influences and or possible harm.

I am blessed that my husband takes his headship position seriously because many husbands don't, and where does that leave the wife? Lost? Confused? Alone? Exasperated? Not following *Gods Will* for her life!

Usually what happens when a husband is not taking his position as "head" is the wife takes up the slack and becomes the "head" and in doing so she becomes demanding, belittling, needy, bossy, selfish, and or domineering, etc, etc. Why does she become this way? Because her needs are not getting met through her husband and she is overwhelmed with responsibilities and basically she feels exasperated.

People need to have meaning in their life as well as something to base their behaviors from. If a wife is created to be her husband's helpmeet but he behaves helpless and or ungodly, what is it she is meeting to help? Absolutely NOTHING! This marriage will not survive when the storms come and makes for a very weak marriage, namely sexually and intimately speaking. A man doesn't want a bossy wife and a wife doesn't want a helpless husband. [It's all about our responsibilities to each other.](#) Then we wonder why so much adultery and other marriage immoralities in our marriage. We produce rotten fruits. Neither the wife nor the husband is protecting the marriage! They think they have fallen out of love but there is no such thing as falling in love or out of love; that is main stream gobblygook! Only people who do not know Jesus Christ talk like that.

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Back to our roles: Couples undermine each other's positions in marriage all the time **because they don't understand that God has already established roles for husband and wife.** And these roles make up HOW WE ARE To BEHAVE TOWARD ONE ANOTHER.

Since MOST CHURCHES DO NOT TEACH Christ –like principles, at least not these ones (too many women would leave the church and quit supporting it with their tithes), couples eventually take over each other’s duties and responsibilities and this undermines the wife’s role as a woman to the man and the man’s role as husband to his wife. This is unfair to both of them, and above all to God.

Marriage was made for God but we’re so absorbed and selfish within our being that we think it was made for us. At least that is how I used to be 25 or so years ago. Now, I look back and am so happy that I have been freed from my blindness and can now see clearly what my role as wife really is! It makes marriage so much happier, freer, and abundant with Fruits of the Spirit and many blessings! I am blessed and I hope you are too.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing of water through the word” (Ephesians5: 25-26)

“Sanctify them through the truth. Your word is the truth”. (John 17:17)

Husbands serve their wives in this way: God gave him the headship position so he can **serve her** in the ways of the Lord and fulfill her needs and desires. A husband should always love and care for his wife in the ways Lord.

Wives serve their husbands in this way: God gave her the helpmeet position so she can help him to be a Godly man and to fulfill his needs and desires. A wife should always love and care for her husband in the ways of the Lord.

Bottom line: I need my husband to be my covering so I can be the wife and woman God wants me to be in my marriage!

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. (John 1:1)

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“That he might present it (the marriage) to himself as glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it would be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5: 27)

In Peace

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