

A Word to Men

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You are called the “head” of your wife (Ephesians 5:22-33). This does NOT mean that you are a drill sergeant barking orders or that you get to make her do whatever you wish. You are never told to put your wife in submission. She is not a doormat, a slave, or one to be bossed around to fulfill your selfish whims. Rather, as the head, you are to be like Christ, and the text specifically says that you do this by loving her and giving yourself up for her. Three other passages that connect to this idea of giving up self-help illuminate the point:

1. Philippians 2:3-8 shows that the mind of Christ is that of doing nothing from selfishness, but in humility treating others as more important. In giving yourself up for your wife, you will treat her as more important than yourself. It's what Jesus did for us.

2. In John 10, Jesus speaks of being the Good Shepherd who gives His life for the sheep. As head, you are more like a shepherd, and a shepherd loves, watches, provides, protects, nourishes, and leads to safe spaces where others can flourish and thrive. As head, this is what you seek to do for your wife, and you are to be willing to sacrifice yourself so that this will happen.

3. 1 Peter 3:7 says that you need to dwell with your wife with understanding, showing her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life. By saying the woman is to be honored “as the weaker vessel,” Peter is not saying she is fragile or inferior. Rather, it is recognition that, typically, the man is physically stronger than the woman. She might be stronger than you in other ways (emotionally, spiritually, intellectually). The point, then, is to understand the biological reality that is typical of men and women. Think, then, of this implication: this passage absolutely prohibits you from abusing, assaulting, intimidating, demeaning, or threatening your wife. To do so is not according to understanding, does not honor her as a fellow heir, and will make you unfit to approach God (“that your prayers may not be hindered”). God notices how you treat your wife, and sins against her will not go unnoticed.

You are the one who needs to stand in the gap between the world and your family. If the world is going to try to break into your home, it needs to go through you, and you will sacrifice yourself to provide the peace and safety your wife and family deserve.



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Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

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Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

Those to Serve

Today

Announcements- Travis Rogers **Opening prayer-** Lyle Russell
Communion- Jerry McDonald **Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Next Sunday

Announcements- Wayne Fowler **Opening prayer-** Ronnie Hayes
Communion- Lyle Russell **Closing Prayer-** Jerry McDonald
Sermon- Don DeLukie

Announcements

—Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

—**Art Camp:** Art Camp will be held here at Sterlington Church of Christ on June 15-18th. See the flyer on the bulletin board in the lobby for more details.

—**Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.

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Please Pray For:

David Reppond, Bobby McDonald, Debbie Grice, BJ Carlon, Andre Pridgett, Van Martinez, Kari Johnstone, Bill Schooley, Ethel Ross, Derrick & Katherine Simmons, McKenzie Baker, Jerry Martin, Angela Ross, Jeanette Henderson.

Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Billy Granger, Rhonda Rogers, Blayne Atkins, Chuck & Shannon Boyer, Jo Darris Collins, Christy McDaniel, Joyce Moses, Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur & Sybil Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

Bereaved: Families of Phyllis Frasier, Peggy Sehon.



April birthdays

10 - Sydney Scharf
12 - Joanne Randolph
14 - Shayna Smith

April anniversaries

4 - Ronnie and Janice Hayes
28 - Larry and Joanne Randolph

