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BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A HUSBAND *WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND LOOK LIKE?*

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The Theme and Textual Summation of the Passage

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A HUSBAND

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND LOOK LIKE?

Colossians 1:9-14 – Hey Husbands...

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be **filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding**; :10 that you may **walk worthy of the Lord**, fully pleasing *Him*, **being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God**; :11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; :12 **giving thanks to the Father** who has **qualified us** to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. :13 He has delivered us **from the power of darkness** and **conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love**, :14 in whom we have **redemption** through His blood, even the **forgiveness** of sins.

A Christian Husband

is perhaps the most powerful calling in the world – not kidding!!!

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A HUSBAND
WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN HUSBAND LOOK LIKE?

1.) A husband has been given a *unique position*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Position” Only You Can...

A husband's position is a type or representation
of God's nature and person.

The Lord Refers to Himself as a Husband to Israel

Isaiah 54:5

For your Maker *is* your husband, The LORD of hosts *is* His name; And your Redeemer *is* the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth.

Colossians 1:18a

And He is the head of the body, the church...

1 Corinthians 11:3

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

Ephesians 5:23-26

For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. **:24** Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. **:25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **:26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,

Mr. Husband – Here's Your Assignment !

Step up into the Position that you've been given by God.

Begin now to model "How God loves Israel and How Jesus Loves the Church"

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2.) A husband has been given a *unique responsibility*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Responsibility” Only You Can...

Only a husband is to take upon himself the responsibilities and burdens of the wife and home.

The Husband is The Spiritual, Theme-Setter, - The Priest of The Home.

1 Peter 3:7

Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the **weaker vessel** (*physically tender*), and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Mr. Husband – Here’s Your Assignment!

Your wife is the #2 most important person in your life & world.
Her care and maintenance is 100% your responsibility.

By the way – you’re number #3 until kids come along...
then after that dude, get a good dog!

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3.) A husband has been given a *unique love*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique *Love*” Only You Can...

A husband’s **Love** is to draw his wife closer to her God, she should want more of the Lord because of her husband’s love.

Jack 1:1

And saith unto them “Let Every Husband Read the Song of Solomon & The Book of Ruth Once a Year. “

90% of the Song of Solomon
is “The Art of using Words – Love Language”

90% of the Book of Ruth
is Actions “The Art of Doing – Love Actions”

Genesis 29:18-20

Now Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter.” :19 ¶ And Laban said, “*It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me.*” :20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed *only* a few days to him because of the love he had for her.

Mr. Husband – Here’s Your Assignment !
Husbands, men – its o.k. to be a loving, gentle, caring man.
You need to actually express yourself without fear.

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4.) A husband has been given a *unique word*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique **Word**” Only You Can...

Only a husband’s word has the power to create “worlds”
with which he and his wife exist

The Power of a Husband’s Word.

When we speak to our wives, we are grooming them.

Ruth 2:8-10 NIV

So Boaz said to Ruth, “My daughter, listen to me. Don’t go and glean in another field and don’t go away from here. Stay here with my servant girls. :9 Watch the field where the men are harvesting, and follow along after the girls. I have told the men not to touch you. And whenever you are thirsty, go and get a drink from the water jars the men have filled.” :10 At this, she bowed down with her face to the ground. She exclaimed, “Why have I found such favor in your eyes that you notice me — a foreigner?”

Tell Her She's Beautiful,
(Take the time to look at her, study her, from
head to toe)

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Colossians 4:6a

Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt,

Mr. Husband – Here's Your Assignment !
Start speaking words that build her up, that compliment her and encourage her, - - she will blossom.

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5.) A husband has been given a *unique influence*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique **INFLUENCE**” Only You Can...

Only a husband's influence can cause a house
to become a Christ-centered home.

Who is “The Man of the House”

John 4:53

So the father knew that *it was* at the same hour in which Jesus said to him, “Your son lives.” ***And he himself believed, and his whole household.***

Nehemiah 4:17-18 (in front of his own house)

Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. :18
Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

Mr. Husband – Here’s Your Assignment !
Influence - - when a wife sees her husband doing those things that add to
the marriage, things that show her you’re in...

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6.) A husband has been given a *unique opportunity*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Opportunity” Only You Can...

Only a husband has the opportunity to construct a house
devoted to the worship of God

Joshua 24:15

And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

Mr. Husband – Here’s Your Assignment!

The Lord has “ordained you for the moment you’re in”
every issue, challenge, dilemma, victory, blessing...

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7.) A husband has been given a *unique ministry*

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“A Unique Ministry” Only You Can...

The ministry of a husband toward, upon, to,
or for his wife - - is the first step before any ministry.

John 13:12-17

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, “Do you know what I have done to you? :13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your

feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. :16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. :17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

Good marriages take time and effort.

A **bad marriage** takes more time and more effort!

And a **great marriage** takes more and more time and more and more effort!

Mr. Husband – Here's Your Assignment !

You are the only one on planet earth that can make your wife happy.
So #1 – remember what made her happy #2 – and what makes her happy
and do those things (together)

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8.) A husband has been given a *unique defense*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Defense” Only You Can...

Only a husband has the sole duty to
defend, provide, secure and defend his home.

A Christian man should never be idle,
if you're unemployed, employ yourself in searching for a job.

Defending the home with;
the word, prayer, protection, being there... husband, be there.

1 Timothy 5:8

But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Matthew 24:45-46

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? :46 Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing.

Husbands, Be Careful

Colossians 3:19

Husbands, love your wives and do not be **bitter** toward them.

pikrai÷nw pikraino, pik-rah´-ee-no;

to become numb due to repeated cutting or scarring.
pain covered up or over with additional pain.

Hebrews 12:13-15

and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be *dislocated*, but rather be healed. :14 Pursue peace with all *people*, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: :15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

Mr. Husband – Here’s Your Assignment !

Ask your wife if she “feels” safe. Are you providing for her protection, peace, does she know that you love her ?

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9.) A husband has been given a *unique mission*

Men, We Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Mission” Only You Can...

The mission of every husband is to dress, cover, blanket, steel, galvanize his wife against this world.

The One Single Most Important Mission

of the husband is *to serve his wife all the way through to the end...*

Ephesians 5:25-28

Husbands, love (*verb*) your wives, just as Christ also loved (*verb*) the church and gave Himself for her, :26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, :27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. :28 So husbands ought to love (*verb*) their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves (*verb*) his wife loves himself.

Mr. Husband – Here's Your Assignment !

Help her find out what her "purpose is" and develop that. do all you can to see her grow into the woman God made her to be.

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10.) A husband has been given a *unique touch*

Men, We Have Been Given by God
"A Unique *Touch*" Only You Can...

A husband's touch has been empowered by God
to satisfy, comfort, calm, still and excite.

It's a unique touch of strength.
It's a unique touch of security.
It's a unique touch of affection.
It's a unique touch of adequacy.

Song of Solomon 8:3-4

His left hand *is* under my head, And his right hand embraces me. :4 I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, Do not stir up nor awaken love Until it pleases.

Mr. Husband – Here's Your Assignment !

Touch her, touch her a lot, hold her hand, put your arm around her, squeeze her, heck - chase her around the house...

All of this because you will have done
the 9 points leading up to this one.

End of Study
