

THE "LIFE AND BIBLE" SERIES

Living Out Our Christianity **With An Attitude**

COLOSSIANS CHAPTER 1:9-14

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

BEING A CHRISTIAN WHILE BEING A WIFE

WHAT DOES A CHRISTIAN WIFE LOOK LIKE?

*A SERIES ON DEVELOPING A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE WALK WITH GOD AT ALL
TIMES AND IN ALL SITUATIONS*

SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

Men, Women, Discipleship, Witness, Faithfulness

Introduction to the Text;

Colossians 1:9-14

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Colossians 1:9-14 – Hey Wives...

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.

The Concepts of Design, of Logic, In An Ordered Universe

We see Male and Female, Husband and Wife, Marriage, Family
all of which are created and defined from the Bible.

You and I must fight our Post-Christian, Post-Modern Culture's
attempt to redefine these God-Ordained Institutions and Relationships.

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Position”

**A woman has a special place in God’s creation.
(An elevated position)**

Genesis 3:20

And Adam called his wife’s name **Eve**, (life-giver) because she was the mother of all living.

At Creation, The Lord had Declared Everything “Good” except, there comes one thundering frown from God.

Genesis 2:18,22-24

And the LORD God said, “**It is not good that man should be alone**; I will make him a helper **comparable** to him.” :22 Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. :23 And Adam 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.” :24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

According to God – it takes 2 to make 1

The Amplified Hebrew

Proverbs 31:10-11

A capable, intelligent, *and* a virtuous woman—who is he who can find her? She is far more precious than jewels *and* her value is far above rubies *or* pearls. :11 The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently *and* relies on and believes in her securely...

There’s a Post-Eden Warning

Genesis 3:16b

...Your **desire** (*to run ahead of or take the lead from*) shall be for your husband, and he shall **rule** (*reign in or to hold back*) over you.”

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

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“A Unique Responsibility”

According to The Bible, A Wife is A;
Creator, a Comforter, a Worker, a Leader, a Manager, Follower,
Banker, Lover,... *and if she's a mom...*

Proverbs 31:12 AMP

She comforts, encourages, *and* does her husband only good
all the days of her life...

Proverbs 31:27 NIV

She watches over the affairs of her household and
does not eat the bread of idleness.

A Christian Wife is a Woman of Prayer.
Wives, you cannot change your husband. But God can, His way.

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God
“A Unique *Touch*”

Proverbs 12:4a

An excellent wife is the crown of her husband,

A wife's love is empowered by God

1 Peter 3:1-4 NIV

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.

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God

“A Unique **Word”**

Proverbs 31:26

She opens her mouth with wisdom, And on her tongue *is* the law of kindness.

Ladies, Be Wise When Using “Husband Words”

Proverbs 14:1

The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish pulls it down with her hands.

Proverbs 15:1a

A soft answer turns away wrath,

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God

“A Unique **INFLUENCE”**

As a Wife or As a Mother;

Proverbs 31:28 NIV

Her **children** arise and call her blessed; her **husband** also, and he praises her:

Proverbs 19:14 NIV

Houses and wealth are inherited from parents, but a **prudent** (wise, discerning) wife is from the LORD.

A Wife can be a great power or a great danger.

Queen Jezebel was a Controlling, Evil, Independent Woman
and she brought her and her husband down.

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

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“A Unique Opportunity”

To Be Loved Properly

Ephesians 5:25-26

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, = **give your wife the word.**

Colossians 3:18

Wives, **submit** to your own husbands, as is **fitting** in the Lord.

A woman, a wife is never to be abused or broken.
(Any man or group or religion that devalues a woman, a wife,
is a godless act)

The Husband is to be Watching Out
and Promoting Her Very Best.

Why? because he's a “Christian” husband...

Husbands, Take the Time to Look Inside Your Wife.

Don't be surprised to find out that she is full of ideas and vision

Her ideas and vision are of the Lord

Proverbs 31:13-18

She seeks wool and flax, And willingly works with her hands. :14 She is like the merchant ships, She brings her food from afar. :15 She also rises while it is yet night, And provides food for her household, And a portion for her maidservants. :16 She considers a field and buys it; From her profits she plants a vineyard. :17 She girds herself with strength, And strengthens her arms. :18 She perceives that her merchandise is good, And her lamp does not go out by night.

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Ministry”

Mrs. wife,

You have an **amazing power** to “**establish**” your husband.
He desires your love and respect.

He will fail without you.
You cannot succeed without him.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Two *are* better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor. :10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, For *he has* no one to help him up. :11 Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm; But how can one be warm *alone*? :12 Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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.

Proverbs 31:31

Give her the reward she has earned, and let her works bring her praise **at the city gate.** = **it's coming from her husband**

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

Wives, You Have Been Given by God

“A Unique Defense”

A godly wife provides her husband with an amazing **power-shield** against the world.

1. She defends her husband against **spiritual** enemies.
2. She defends her husband against **physical** enemies.
3. She defends her husband against enemies **foreign & domestic**

Proverbs 31:23 NIV

Her husband is **respected** at the city gate,
 where he takes his seat among the elders of the land.
 Why ?

The Hebrew Text Implies

That She **"Put"** him there. She is his Biggest Supporter.

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

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"A Unique Mission"

As a Wife;

You're not his **maid** and you're not his **mother**.
 You are his wife – you're to be #2 - second to God !

A Wife has a **"Missions Ministry"** toward Her Husband.
 That Mission is to reach Him with Your Ministry...

Ladies, Your Husband is Your Ministry.

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Marriage is a Team Effort.

(In football a play is agreed upon the moment the ball is snapped)

Ephesians 5:24

Therefore, **just as the church is subject to Christ,**
 so let the **wives** be to their own **husbands** in everything.

This is How a Marriage is “Supernaturally” Established.
The Lord will Bless the Obedience of Both Husband & Wife.

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

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“A Unique *Touch*”

Wives, your home has your fingerprints all over it.

Titus 2:3-5

the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things - :4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, :5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

A godly wife has the **“God-Ordained”** authority to bring an excellent atmosphere to a home that no one else can.

Her Touch is as Unique as a Snowflake.
Her Affect can be as Powerful as an Earthquake.

By “Touch” I Mean...

The ability to frame, encourage, re-direct counsel her husband.

Esther 5:1-2 KJV

Now it came to pass on the third day, that **Esther** put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king’s house, over against the king’s house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the gate of the house. :2 And it was so, when the king saw **Esther** the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to **Esther** the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So **Esther** drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre...

And she gave instruction to her husband the king

Your Touch Can Calm Our World, Build Confidence, Give Hope.

End of Study