

A group of people are seated at a dining table in a restaurant. The table is set with various dishes, including a large bowl of dumplings, a glass of wine, and a bottle of beer. The atmosphere is warm and intimate, with soft lighting. The text is overlaid on the image in a white, serif font.

Glorify the Creator

Titus 2:1-5

*“The Role of the Wife in
Glorifying the Creator”*

A group of people are seated at a table in a restaurant, dining. The scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. In the foreground, there is a plate of food, a glass of wine, and a bottle. The background shows other diners and the interior of the restaurant.

Titus 2:1 But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

2 That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

3 The aged women likewise, that *they be* in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

5 *To be* discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, **that the word of God be not blasphemed.**

Review

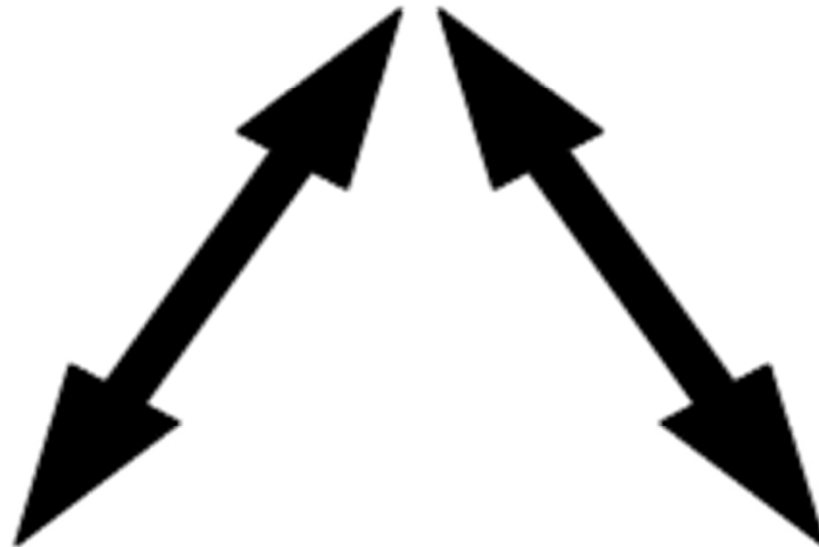
- Marriage, Scripturally defined, is the union of one man and one woman, for God's glory.

A few weeks ago we began looking at marriage as found from the very beginning in Genesis 2.

I. THE ROLE OF MARRIAGE IS TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

- A. Marriage was Designed for Companionship
 - B. Marriage was Designed with Complementarity
 - C. Marriage was Designed for Conclusiveness
- God's order of relationship = God first; mate second; children third, ministry and career must always follow after.

The Creator



Wife  **Spiritual**  **Husband**
 **Emotional** 
 **Physical** 

D. Marriage was Designed for Comprehension

II. THE ROLE OF THE HUSBAND TO GLORIFY THE CREATOR

A. CHOOSE A MATE

B. CULTIVATE A MARRIAGE

1. Work out a Plan

2. Work the Plan

C. CORRECT ANY MISTAKES

1. Anticipate the Challenges

- Marriage is a marathon – develop the mentality to be in it for the long-run, for life.

2. Address the Conflict

D. COMMUNICATE THE MESSAGE

Eph. 5:32 **This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.**

E. CONTINUE THE MISSION



B = “be committed”

L = “lovingly touch”

E = “express value”

S = “see potential”

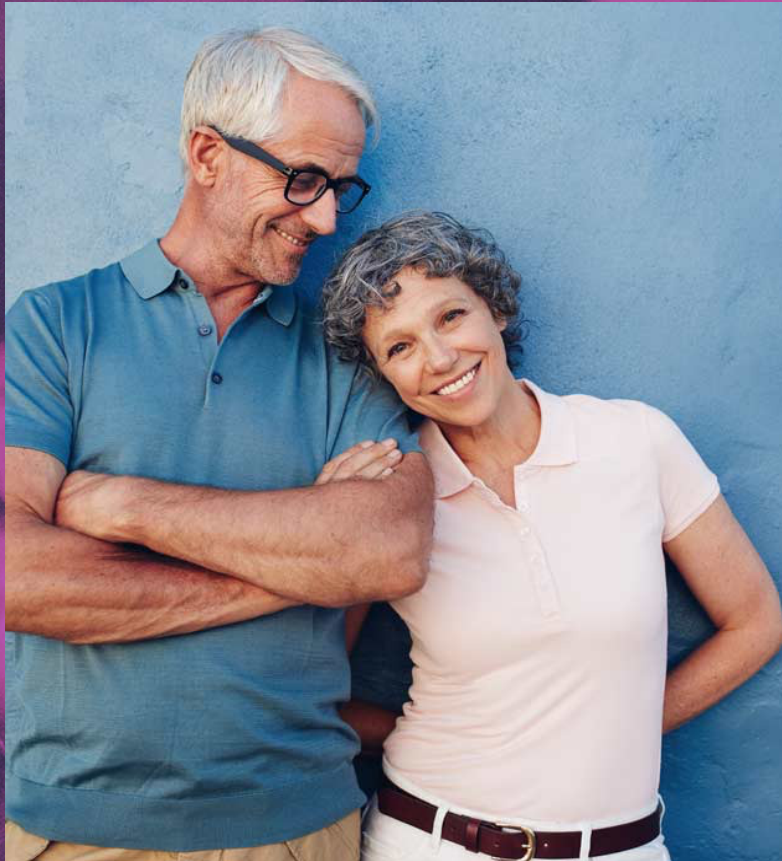
S = “say it”

Eph. 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is **good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.**

Being a godly husband means to be a “blessing” to your wife!

Last week we began looking at Titus 2:1-5.


Being a godly wife has many similar characteristics that it takes to be a godly husband, but there are also different challenges. Should a wife be concerned about “complementarianism” or “egalitarianism”? What does the Bible say?



DEFINING THE DEBATE

Complementarianism – The belief that a husband should be the spiritual head of his family, and that husband and wife will have different and complementary roles in their marriage.

Egalitarianism – The belief that there are no separate gender roles in marriage, and that husband and wife will lead the family collaboratively.

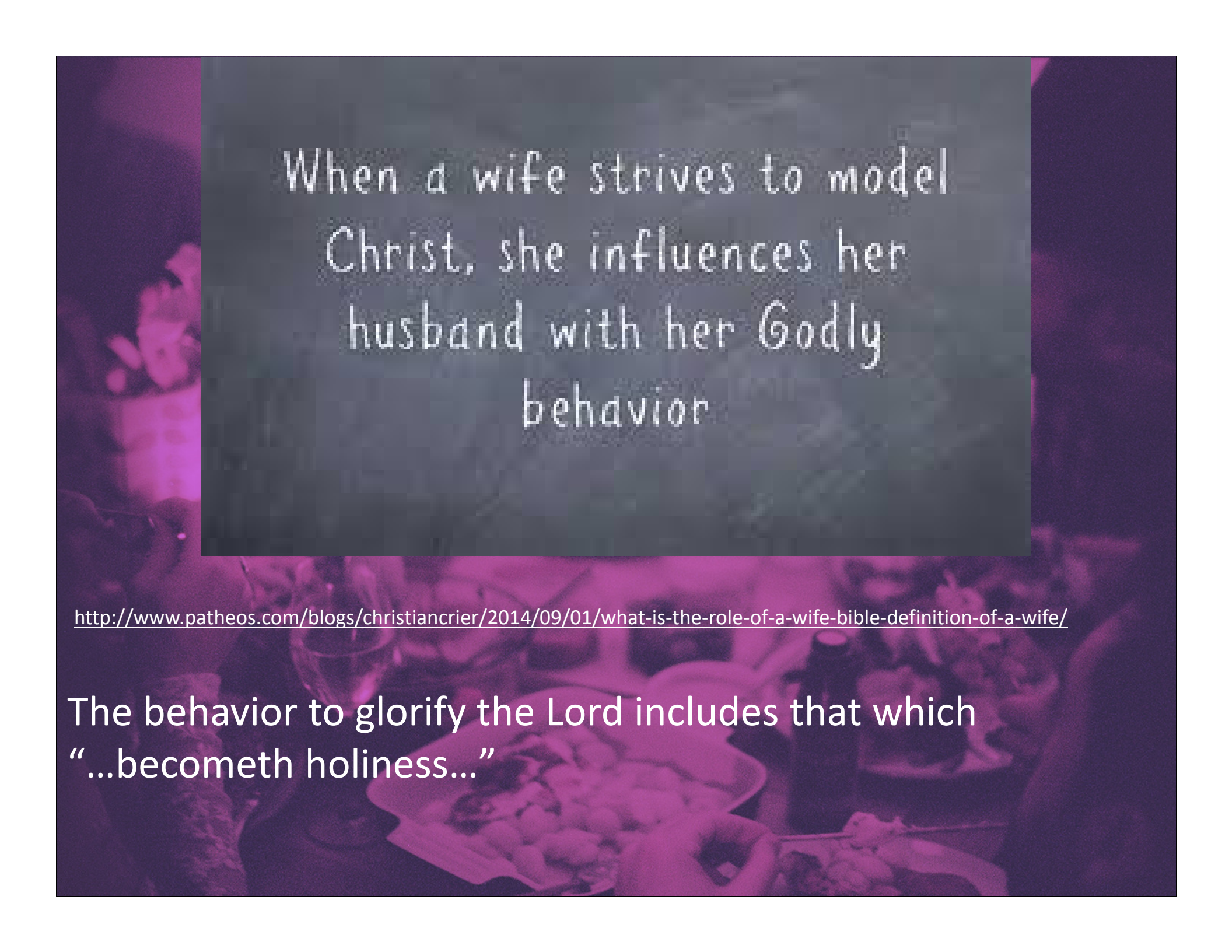
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The Bible teaches “complementarianism.” A Christian woman that loves the Lord should want to do that which pleases Him.

III. THE ROLE OF THE WIFE IN GLORIFYING THE CREATOR

A. The Responsibility of the Aged Women, Titus 2:3

Titus 2:3 directs the older women to have “...behaviour as becometh holiness...” in order to teach younger women about the role of a godly wife.



When a wife strives to model
Christ, she influences her
husband with her Godly
behavior

<http://www.patheos.com/blogs/christiancrier/2014/09/01/what-is-the-role-of-a-wife-bible-definition-of-a-wife/>

The behavior to glorify the Lord includes that which
“...becometh holiness...”

Original Word: ἱεροπρεπής

Transliteration: hieroprepés

Definition: suitable to a sacred character, reverent.

hieroprepḗss (from *hieron*, "a sacred place, a temple," and *prépō*, "fitting") – "befitting men, places, actions, or things sacred to God, reverent" (K. Wuest); "**suited to a sacred character, reverend**" (*Abbott-Smith*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2412.htm>

Such behavior that "becometh holiness" is "...not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;"

“teachers of good things;”

Original Word: καλοδιδάσκαλος

Transliteration: kalodidaskalos

Definition: a teacher of that which is noble (honorable) and good.

kalodidáskalos (from *kalós*, "attractively good" and *didáskalos*, "a teacher") – **properly, a teacher sharing what is honorable and noble – literally, "a teacher of winsome goodness."**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2567.htm>

- A good woman, with a sweet spirit, is needed in order to teach good things for the younger women to also have a sweet spirit.
- The “good things” are the focus for the younger women.

B. The Role of the Younger Women, Titus 2:4-5

Prov. 9:1 Wisdom hath builded her house, she hath hewn out **her seven pillars:**

Titus 2:4-5 gives us “seven pillars” regarding the role of the wife in glorifying the Creator.

Last week, I introduced the “Seven Pillars” of a Wise Woman. This morning we will begin looking at each pillar.

1. The Pillar of Conscience – “...to be sober...”

Original Word: σωφρονίζ

Transliteration: sóphronizó

Definition: I make sober-minded, admonish, control.

sōphronízō (from *sóphrōn*, "truly moderate") – being radically-moderate, i.e. living as God defines *true balance* (used only in Titus 2:4).

sōphronízō (literally "living in divine moderation") is moving in the "bigger picture" transforming someone to be "radically-balanced" according to the Lord's will. This radical-moderation requires a *complete* perspective that is eclectic, combining the legitimate extremities of truth from both sides of a matter. Doing this is vital to counseling young women (mothers) in the will of God (Titus 2:4).

[(*sōphronízō*) and (*sōphronéō*) are both *verbs*, and are both formed from the same root (*sóphrōn*). (*sōphronízō*) emphasizes *passing on* what the Lord reveals is true balance. (*sōphronéō*) **expresses a settled state of mind that embraces what the Lord defines is true (radical) moderation.**] <http://biblehub.com/greek/4994.htm>

1. Restore one to his senses
2. To moderate, control, curb, disciple
3. To hold one to his duty
4. To admonish, to exhort earnestly

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strongs=G4994&t=KJV>

- The godly wife must have her doctrine right in order to have her mind right
- Know what you believe in order to be what you should be.
- The wife whose mind is focused upon God will always be at peace.

Isa. 26:3 **Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on thee***: because he trusteth in thee.

- The beauty of a godly woman at peace with God radiates from the inside, out.



beautiful in his image.

“ True beauty
emanates from a
woman who boldly
and unabashedly
knows who she is in
Christ. ”

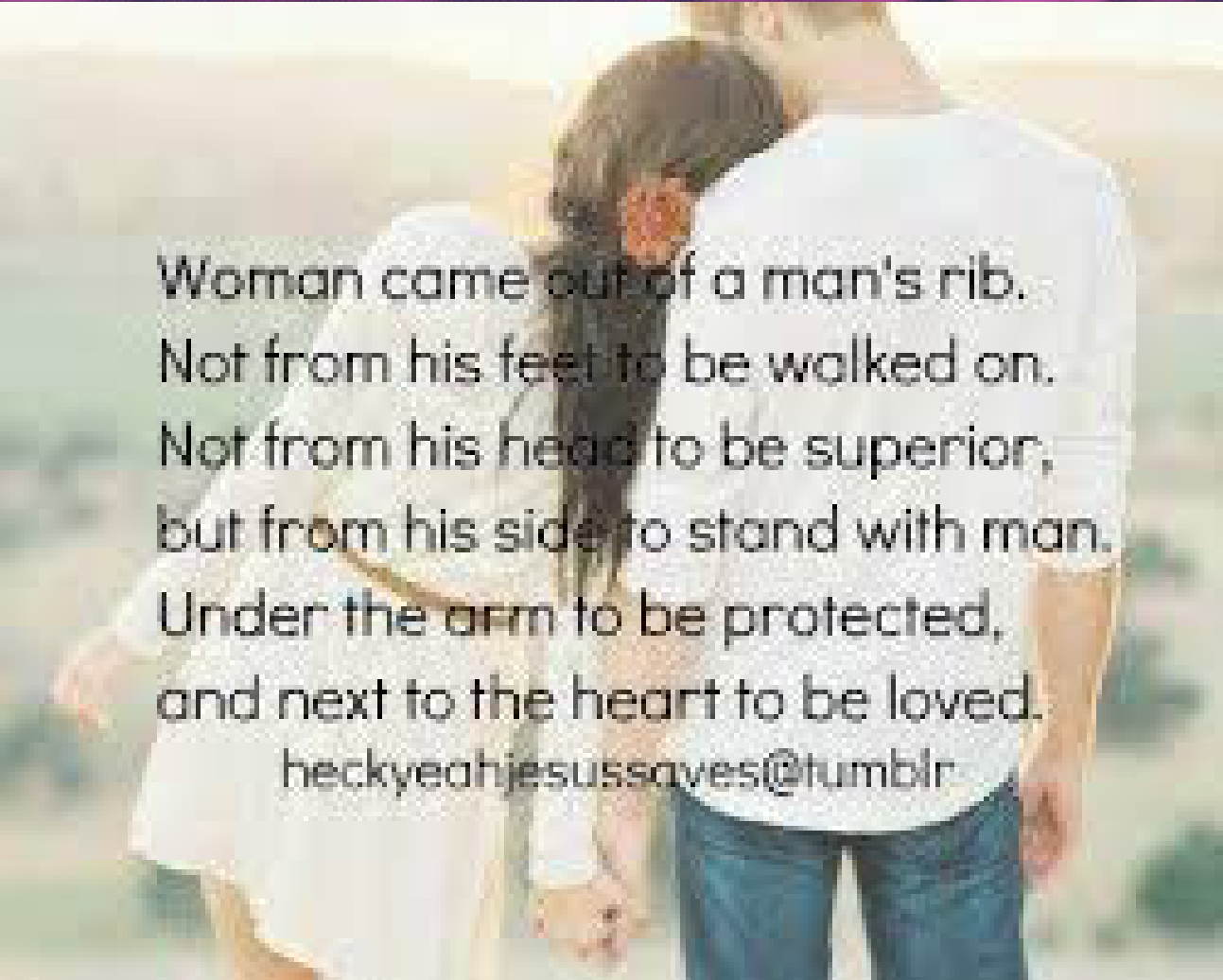
CONSIDER WHAT

<http://www.quoteswave.com/picture-quotes/221769>

- The first pillar is needed in order to love God effectively.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.

2. The Pillar of Complementarity – “...to love their husbands...”



Woman came out of a man's rib.
Not from his feet to be walked on.
Not from his head to be superior,
but from his side to stand with man.
Under the arm to be protected,
and next to the heart to be loved.

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<https://weheartit.com/essisusan/collections/99292447-faith>

“to love their husbands”

Original Word: φίλανδρος


Transliteration: philandros

Definition: loving one's husband.

phílandros (from *phílos*, "loving friend" and *anér*, "husband, the male companion of a wife") – **properly, the special affection of a woman for her life-time mate (husband), embracing him as her "calling" (stewardship) from God (used only in Titus 2:4).**

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5362.htm>

- Being a loving friend produces deeper fellowship and companionship, laying a foundation for a more enjoyable future.
- Some men are easier to love than they are to like.
- Wives are to work at developing a “friendship” interest in order to attract the attention of their husband.



Deep friendship is the foundational level of Dr. Gottman's Sound Relationship House Theory of happy couples. It is the root of commitment and trust. More importantly, it forms the basis for intimacy and satisfying sex. As he explains in *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, couples with deep friendships have:

“...mutual respect and enjoyment of each other's company. They tend to know each other intimately – they are well versed in each other's likes, dislikes, personality quirks, hopes and dreams. They have an abiding regard for each other and express this fondness not just in the big ways but in little ways day in and day out.”

Dr. Gottman states that “the determining factor in whether wives feel satisfied with the sex, romance, and passion in their marriage is, by 70%, the quality of the couples friendship... and for men, the determining factor is, by 70%, the quality of the couple’s friendship...”

It is this deep friendship that results in a higher percentage overall of marital satisfaction. In fact, the emotional connection that married couples share is said to be five times more important than their physical intimacy.

3. The Pillar of Compassion – “...to love their children...”

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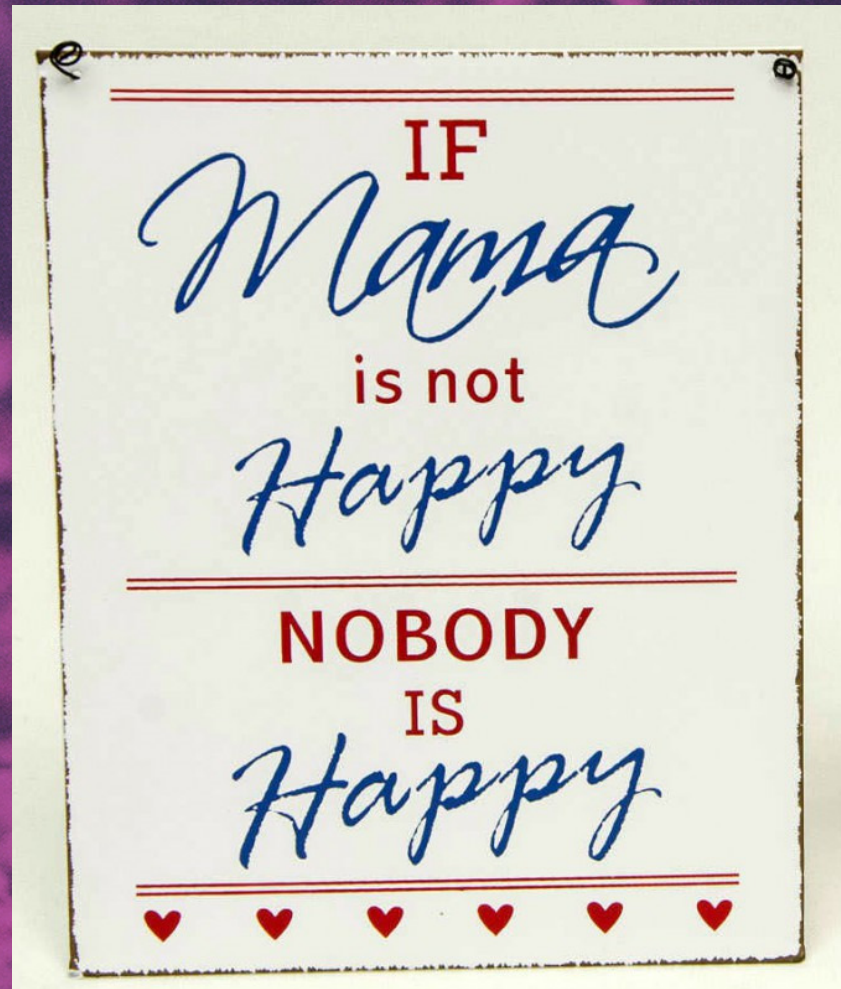
Original Word: φιλότεκνος

Transliteration: philoteknos

Definition: loving one's children.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5388.htm>

- Godly mothers love their children beyond the natural instinct of nourishment.
- Godly mothers, who keep their emotional priorities correct, are the key to a happy home.



<https://www.caramondo.de/wandschild-metallschild-schild-tuerschild-if-mama-is-not-happy-nobody-is-happy/schilder/sprueche/a-10338/>

- Phileo love is a generous and affectionate love that seeks to make the other person happy with no expectation for the acts of kindness to be returned.

<https://www.compellingtruth.org/phileo-love.html>

- Godly mothers love their children enough to discipline them.

Prov. 29:15 The rod and reproof give wisdom: but **a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.**

Prov. 13:24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but **he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.**

- *Godly wives guide the children and complement the leadership of her husband.

Conclusion

The first three pillars of the Wise Woman focus upon the heart.

- A sober-minded wife loves the Lord.
- A godly wife loves her husband.
- A godly wife loves her children.

Prov. 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

Luke 10:27 And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.