

Marriage Roles & Responsibilities

“Men & Women are Equal but different!”

Both ...

- leave, cleave, become one, be faithful & committed ...
- submit to one another Eph 5:21
- love one another Eph 5:25, 33 Titus 2:4
- respect one another Eph 5:33 1 Pet 3:7
- be kind to one another Eph 4:32
- forgive one another Eph 4:32
- speak well & honestly to each other Eph 4:25, 29, 31

Specific roles/ calling

- God's design - *right, good, beautiful*
- Meaningful & fulfilling - *not demeaning*
- Search for God's truth ... *want the truth!*
- Yield to God's Word - *don't argue or look for a loophole!*
- Realign yourself to God's pattern - *obey the truth*

Men ...

- Leadership : “head” - representing the Lord
1 Cor 11:3 Eph 5:23
- Love: “sacrificial servant” - representing the Lord
Eph 5:25-26, 28 “as Christ loved the church”
Col 3:19 1 Pet 3:7

Women ...

- companion - comparable to him (just like him!)
- 'helpmeet' - an appropriate helper suited to his needs,

Gen 2:18

- in submission : Eph 5:22 'as to the Lord'

Col 3:18 it is 'fitting' (proper)

1 Pet 3:1

Greatest need?

- Dead to self
- Alive in Christ
- Filled with the Spirit
- Walking in the Spirit
- Fruit of the Spirit