

Wife's Role in the Family

God's design for man's dilemma

- Key Scripture: Proverbs 31:10
 - The role of the wife (Prov 31; Eph 5:22-24; 33; I Pet 3:1-6)
 - Submits as unto the Lord (Eph. 5:22)
 - Submit as the husband is the head of the home (Eph 5:23)
 - Submit as the church is to submit to the Lord (Eph 5:24)
 - leave father and mother (Gen 2:24; Eph 5:31)
 - cleave to one another (Gen 2:24; Eph 5:31)
 - and become one flesh (Gen 2:24; Eph 5:31)
 - Submission (Prov 31; Eph 5:22-24; 33; I Pet 3:1-6)
 - Does not mean she is a slave or must keep quiet. (Prov 31)
 - Her position is not inferior or superior (Eph 5:21)
 - It does mean it is her responsibility to place herself under the leadership of her husband. (Eph 5:24-26)
 - It is mandatory (Eph 5:21-23)
 - It is a spiritual matter (Eph 5:1-2)
 - It involves attitude as well as action (I Pet 3:1-4)
 - Help-meet (Prov 31; Eph 5:22-24; 33; I Pet 3:1-6)
 - She was created to be a help (aid, support) meet (opposite part, other side) (Gen 2:18)
 - God made woman to be man's helper...to help him do better what God commanded him to do (Gen 2:18)
 - God made her a suitable helper (Gen 2:18)
 - God made woman to correspond to man (Eph 5:22-24)
 - She is a help-meet by making her house a home. (Prov 31)
 - She helps by being dependable and trustworthy Prov 31:10-11)
 - She helps by discussing problems, disagreement and true feelings with her husband in a loving manner (Eph 4:25)
 - She helps by keeping family goals ahead of her own. (Prov 31)
 - She helps by maintaining her own spiritual life (Josh 1:8; I Thess 5:16-18)

- She shows confidence and admiration for her husband I Pet 3:1-4)
- The Wife as a helper and partner
 - God's design for the wife (Gen. 2:18)
 - She is equal in value, distinct in role (Gal 3:28)
 - She has strength in submission (Eph 5:22-24)
- The wife as a loving and respectful companion
 - Loving her husband as Christ commands (Tit 2:4-5, Eph 5:22-24)
 - Respecting her husband (Eph 5:33)
 - Supporting and encouraging her husband (Prov 31:11-12)
- The wife as a nurturer and homemaker
 - She manages the home with wisdom (Prov 14:1)
 - She cares for her children's spiritual growth (Prov 22:6)
 - She partners with her husband in parenting (Eph 6:4)
- The wife is to be a woman of strength and dignity
 - She's clothed with strength and dignity (Prov 31:25)
 - She speaks with wisdom and kindness (Prov 31:26)
- The wife is to be a woman of prayer and faith
 - A wife's prayer life is needed (I Thess. 5:17)
 - A wife is to trust God in difficult times (Phil 4:6-7)
 - A wife is to be an example of faith and godliness (I Pet 3:1-2)
- Practical ways to become a godly wife
 - Prioritize a personal relationship with God
 - Daily bible reading and prayer (Matt 22:37)
 - Seeking mentorship from older godly women (Tit 2:3-5)
 - Communicating with love and respect
 - Learn to listen and express feelings in a way that builds up (Prov 15:1; Eph 4:29)