

WEEK FOUR: Buying Into Your Roles

The role and responsibility of the husband. Ephesians 5:25–33

1. God's _____: Love with labor. Vs 25-27

- **Love.** The standard and example for you is _____. How does He love you?
- **Labor.** The goal is to serve your wife in a way that leads to her _____.
The husband is not to treat his wife as a child or servant just because she is subject to him.

No, this is the person that he is to lay down his life caring for: **this is his life's labor.**

- **KEY:** Don't miss the order God intended in the creation of the marriage relationship.
Genesis 2:21–25

2. The sin _____: _____ of roles.

- **KEY:** Man has a _____ after the fall of Adam.

That means that there is a trend towards _____ and _____ of the roles.

Unchecked, women will tend to usurp the _____ of their husbands and men tend to _____ and trample over their wives.

- **KEY:** God's decree that the husband would rule over the wife is a result of the _____.
Genesis 3:16
It was **Adam's** sin that caused the resulting current order. **1 Timothy 2:14; Romans 5:12**
- **CONTEXT IS KEY:** It requires the **filling of the Spirit** to fulfill your role! **Vs 18**
- There is a very real battle taking place! **2 Timothy 3:1–5**
How can you, man of God, avoid such wickedness? **Romans 8:1** Be WISE. (Eph 5.17)
- Don't fall into the trap of being a _____.
Who are you, MAN OF GOD!? **Romans 8:31–39**
- **KEY:** Victory in this is going to require your _____.

Love requires _____. **Philippians 2:1-8**

Christ gave Himself for the Church (vs. 25) so that HE, not someone else, might be able to minister to it.

His ability to "*sanctify and cleanse it*" (vs. 26) comes from the fact that He bought it and paid for it, just like Boaz bought Ruth. **Ruth 4:10** compare **Ephesians 1:12–14; 1 Corinthians 6:20; 7:23**

Can you say that you know in your heart that your life has been GIVEN to and for the betterment of your wife?

I'm not saying that you do everything that she **wants** you to. Rather are you giving your life to give what she **needs**?

3. The _____: Her _____. Vs 26-27

Notice that the Lord is investing in His bride _____ ... (How?)

- Jesus' example for husbands. **John 13:4-15; 15:3; Job 23:12**

Husband! How / what are you speaking to your wife? **Ephesians 4:15-16**

...so that the church (His purchased possession) will be perfect _____. (When?)

Revelation 19:7-8 compare **Psalm 119:11**

What is happening? We are changed! All the way down to how we even think. **Romans 12:2**
Christ is working to have a clean and spotless bride.

- Why does He make the investment? Gen 2.
A man takes care to keep his own flesh clean (vss. 28-29), and, therefore, he should minister to his wife!

A man that loves himself will take a bath. He'll keep himself clean.

He'll eat right. He'll make sure he has rest. He'll keep himself healthy.

Remember – Satan attacked the family in Gen 3. How? By convincing them to eat from the wrong tree! You want to do better than Adam. Make sure she's nourished and cherished.

- The reason for His investment? Vs 30-32
Christ's sacrifice bought Him a bride.
Now, we are IN Him and He IN us! **Rom 6-8, Eph 3:17** compare **Genesis 2:23, 25**

How? It was made possible by His death. **Ephesians 2:13-16**