**Relationships in the Home – Wives**

In the garden of Eden, God created man and woman. They were made in His image as recorded in Genesis 1:27. Woman was created as a helper suitable to man, Genesis 2:18. It sounds very simple and as the fairy tales say “They lived happily ever after.” In reality both parties must realize their role and love each other enough to sacrifice themselves for the other. The responsibilities that the Bible places on the woman have been attacked for the last thirty years. Today’s woman has forgotten her role as help meet and mother. This article aims to emphasize one’s importance as a wife defined by the word of God.

***“Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning mane them male and joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ So, then they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no man separate.”*** (Matthew 19:4-6). Women desiring to be married must be willing to make a life long commitment to their husbands. This commitment includes making a home with him. She needs to realize that “Mother and Father” live in a different home. Decisions need to be handled between husband and wife and not between in-laws. Mom and Dad need to learn that their little girl has grown up and must make decisions with her husband. As the man leaves his family so the wife must leave her’s. This may mean leaving the area she was reared in and moving to another regio. Rebekah left her father and all her relatives to go with Isaac in Genesis 24. Many a marriage has suffered and/or failed because of the interference of both parents, the marriage vows usually stress the principle of becoming one flesh with the man. This refers to the sexual union but also the union of a life together.

Titus was to instruct the older women to teach the younger women. ***“That they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of god may not be blasphemed”*** (Titus 2:4-5). Sadly, today we are missing older women who are willing to provide proper examples and instruction to the younger. Many older women are not meeting their responsibilities to their own families, therefore providing a bad example. They feel they can retire after raising their own families.

Some are not willing to take the time and effort to teach others. As stated in Titus 2:4-5, the qualities of being a wife, mother, homemaker, are not inbred. They are to be **TAUGHT** how to love their husbands and children. Women need to realize their husbands have needs and desires to be met. Physical, emotional, and biologically he is different. He relies on her to take care of the house and children. Young ladies are getting married with little knowledge of how to cook or keep a clean house. They are surprised to find out how hard it is to take care of a baby. Some are unwilling to submit to the needs of their husband. Young ladies are turning to books written by non-Christians telling them to be independent and free. The proper source of information are older Christian women who have proven to be good wives and mothers by biblical examples. ***“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord…and let the wife see that she respects her husband”*** (Ephesians 5:22,33). Most people have a negative image of submission. In a marriage where the husband has the proper love for his wife, the wife should not have a problem of submitting. If she refuses to follow his lead on his decisions, she rebels against him and the Lord! Respect is a vital element in the marriage relationship. You cannot love someone who you do not respect. To respect a person, you must see their good qualities and the potential for good. Women are told to have a high regard for their husbands. He may not be perfect, but he is the person you chose to spend the rest of your life with! D. T.