

Marriage Roles – The Husband

Understanding roles in marriage solves a large portion of the problems. This role-play is not merely to provide a practical working relationship, it is to be a visible reminder of our relationship with Christ for one another and those that observe us.

1) A Christian husband is called on *to lovingly lead His wife with understanding*

A husband's two main responsibilities are love and leadership.

3) His responsibility to lead is seen in (Ephesians 5:23; I Cor 11:3)

This is to be leadership spiritually, emotionally and mentally. Christian leadership is always the leadership of a servant.

Leadership is seen by

*Making decisions.

*Teaching

*Being the example.

4) His responsibility to love is seen in Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33.

Sacrificial love is seen in

*Communicating love to her verbally. Also praise her and show gratitude.

*Providing for her needs(I Tim 5:8)

*Protecting her – from harm as well as from taking on too much.

*Seeking to understand her, Let her understand you by sharing yourself with her – ‘dwell together’ (I Peter 3:7)

*Assisting her in her chores and duties where you can.

*Sacrificing your own preferences, wishes, aims, personal time, hobbies for the good of your wife.

*Not comparing her unfavourably with other women, letting her know she has first place in your life.

Understanding (1 Pet 3:7) includes:

- studying his wife
- communicating with her regularly to understand her needs, struggles, challenges, insecurities
- Communicating patience and gentleness as she grows.
- Whether or not she is actually the weaker vessel, treating her chivalrously, as if she is.