

Title: WHAT WIVES ARE TO DO!(THE HELP MAN NEEDS)

Text: Ephesians 5:22-24

In Proverbs chapter 18 verse 22, it says, "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the Lord."

Now, ~~since~~ today is Mother's Day, I thought about that verse and ask myself: "WHAT COULD I SAY ABOUT A WIFE THAT IS GOOD!".....

Now, that doesn't sound right.....Right? After all, I want to go home for dinner today.

Then, I thought that I might entitle this message: WHAT IS GOOD ABOUT A WIFE?.....And that doesn't sound right, either..

So, I entitle this message: WHAT WIVES ARE TO DO!! Because the Bible does teach some wonderful things about a <sup>woman</sup> wife and her responsibilities (in the home).....By the way, these are principles that can apply to all woman.

Would you take your Bibles and turn to Ephesians chapter 5 and Vs 22. Ephesians chapter 5 verse 22....

(Read Eph. 5:22-24)

Prayer

I want to share with you at least <sup>4</sup> five responsibilities of the woman in the home and her relationship to her husband and to her children.

WHAT WIVES ARE SUPPOSE TO DO! Well the Bible teaches at least <sup>4 Things</sup> five principles

(1 ) Number one, A wife is to accept her husband's position in the home .

This is the principle in Ephesians 5:22-24. Now, there are a <sup>couple</sup> number of things which will help you to see this principle.

*Emergent of this passage*

(1 ) First of all, notice that the bases of this position of the husband is "as to the Lord." God commands the wife to submit herself to the husband as unto the Lord.

Now, some ladies are probable thinking: "YOU DON'T KNOW MY HUSBAND. He is the furtherst thing from looking or acting like the Lord."

But, I say to you, that in your heart and in your attitude, no matter what he is like, you are to look unto his position in the home as you would to the Lord, himself....

(2C) <sup>Answer</sup> ~~what~~ what are the boundaries to this ~~the~~ submission. Is there a limite? How far should I go? Well, ~~lets see~~ <sup>what are the Bible say</sup>

En Ephesians 5:24 <sup>say</sup> ~~what~~, "so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in....what?....EVERYTHING.....EVERYTHING.

Now, why is that? Because God created you as a "help" designed for your husband. And God knows what you need for your happiness. And he knows what the man needs for his happiness. The man needs more than anything else to sense that his wife is dependent on him. And the wife needs more than anything else the security of a man who loves her and cherishes her, and ~~nourishes~~ <sup>nourishes</sup> her. Wives to your own husbands, submit, in every ~~thing~~ <sup>thing</sup> single thing. <sup>(2C) On Father we will learn how husbands are to submit into</sup> ~~and their are~~ <sup>benefits to the wife. these wife in everythin</sup>

*one* Notice in Vs 22 the word "submit" or "be subject to!" It is the word "respond"....The ~~wife~~ wife was created as a responderrrrrr....She was designe for a "help"...And her happiness is found in her responds. When she is responding to her husband....And she is to respond to him in the same way she is to respond to Christ.

*That is your first responsibility* So, number one, ladies, accept your husbands position in the home, ~~if you want to be happy...~~ <sup>and you need to</sup> God has placed him as head of that Home as Christ is the head of the church. Accept that position.

True, he may be a poor head, he may not be ~~be~~ doing what he should be, his headship you ~~may~~ doubt and question, but accept it.....

How would you submit to Christ? <sup>Like wise</sup> ~~So~~, submit to your husband....

*not to smart* (2B) Now, secondly, I want to deal with a very touchy subject.... Some have warned that I should be smart and stay away from this area. But, I ~~will~~ <sup>am</sup> ~~not~~. Because it is in the Bible. And this is her appearance.

Would you turn, please, to I Peter 3:3....and put one finger in that passage and another finger I Timothy 2.....Two passages on the appearance of the woman...I Peter 3.....and...I Timothy 2.....What does the Bible teach as to the appearance of the woman.....? I Peter 3 and I Timothy 2.

Let's take I Peter 3:3 as our first reference.....We read: "And let not your adornment be external only - braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, and putting on dresses....."

816 Here is our ~~first~~ <sup>Bible</sup> principle:.....Ladies by way of appearance, do not believe that your attractiveness is bases upon the following three things: (1) One, your hair.....)2) two, the jewelry you wear, and (3) three, your clothes.

Now, some folks have looked at this verse and have said, "the Bible is teaching that Ladies shouldn't do anything to their hair; and ladies shouldn't wear any jewelry."

Well, if that is true, which it isn't, but if it were true, then notice the last statement, ladies shouldn't wear any clothing....

Now, we laugh at that, but, we say in our hearts, WHAT IS THE BIBLE TEACHING?...And ladies, please remember, I am not an authority on how you should appear. I am only an authority, today, on the Word of God..And I know this, if you are concentrating as to your appearance and your attractiveness on your hair, or your jewelry, or your clothes, you are on the wrong track. Because that is not the attractiveness that ~~God~~ <sup>God</sup> says a woman has. For as Vs 4 says: "let it be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.

Now, let's come to I Timothy chapter 2....I Timothy 2:9-10 In Vs 9 we read, "Likewise!.....Let me stop there..."Likewise"...to what? Paul is going to talk to woman, but it is "in likewise" to what?..... Look back at Vs 8...."therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

The Apostle Paul wrote this book ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> a young man named Timothy who was in the ministry. This letter gives Timoty instructions as to how the church should be operated and how people should act. And so he is giving different principles. In Chapter 2, Paul is talking about prayer; and how it should be done in the church. In Vs 8 he concludes his instruction on prayer by saying that men who are free from wrath and dissension in their lives ought to be the ones who pray.....

Now, Vs 9...."likewise" or in like manner<sup>"</sup> to men praying in the church, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing.

(1) First of all their "adorning"....We read that women are to adorn themselves with proper clothing. Now, ladies you have a grave responsibility. It is a command. It is not something you should take as a mere suggestion. The Bible says that women should "adorn themselves." And notice the word "themselves." It is your responsibility. It is not the responsibility of someone else to tell you. <sup>even your Husband</sup> It is your responsibility to dress properly. And you are to dress properly with modesty and discretion.

It is interesting to note that the word <sup>proper</sup> ~~"modestly"~~ is the same Greek word translated ~~"adorn."~~ It comes from the word "cosmos." We get our idea of "cosmetics" from this word. And the Bible says that women should Cosmetic themselves in <sup>clothing</sup> Cosmetic apparel. What is Paul talking about?

The word "cosmos" is the word for "world". And it means "the orderly arrangement of things." It refers to a world system that is orderly arranged in a systematic way, as our universe is —

Thus, cosmetics were original designed to arrange things in a systematic way. We sometimes wonder when we see ~~cosmetics~~ on some ladies,

But that is what it means. "An orderly arrangement of things." People ask: according to the Bible, should a woman wear cosmetics? And I ~~have said on many occasions,~~ <sup>would respond</sup> if the barn door needs painting you ought to paint it.....

( ) And laideis, please notice, it says you are to dress properly and then it says "modestly" and "discreetly"

I believe ladies ought to look the very best for their testimony. You ought to be the best possible for the Lord. But, God has some restriction. This responsibility to be well arranged in how you appear before the ~~word,~~ <sup>would answer</sup> will involve the proper choice of clothing.

The word "modestly" means "humility" or "not desiring to stand-out" Yes, adorn yourself in proper clothing, well arranged, look nice and attractive. But do it with humility, not desiring to stand-out and draw attention to yourself. Because God's beauty in a woman is a meek and a quiet spirit. Not, the out-ward adornment.



(3B) The third <sup>responsibility</sup> principle that I would like you to notice is YOUR AFFECTION in the home .

Turn to the little book of Titus, please. Titus chapter 2 vers 4-5. YOUR AFFECTION IN THE HOME. What is it to be like? Titus chapter 2 Vs 3....

Now, <sup>There is</sup> ~~I have~~ a ministry in Vs 3 for all you ladies who have felt that this message doesn't really relate to you. A woman said to me once that she doesn't like MOTHER'S DAY sermons because they never relate to her. She is alone. And her husband passed away a number of years ago. Her children have all left home and have families of there own. WELL,,,,HERE IT IS.....THIS APPLIES TO YOU.

Titus chapter 2 verse 3.....(READ VS 3-5) -

Older woman...with no family responsibilities anymore...WHAT DO I DO? Here it is ladies. The Bible gives you a tremendous responsibility. A responsibility to teach the young woman *in those 7 areas.*

But, please, notice the standard, of the woman who can effectively teach. And that is: your behaviour must testify to holiness and reverence. And not to malicious gossip. You will never teach anyone anything if that is true of you.

~~OK~~ what is the young woman to be taught? She is to be taught how to love her husband and her children. What is to characterize the woman in her home? It is the fact that she loves her husband and her children.

Do you <sup>see</sup> ~~know~~ what this verse is teaching? It is teaching that the woman must demonstrate in her home that she is completely in love with her husband and her children. AND HOW ARE YOUNGER WOMAN TO LEARN THIS RESPONSIBILITY. From older women. From those of you who have been married for many years.

Love....It is a basic human need. We all want to be loved. A teenager said to me, once: "I have never seen my mother or my Dad hugging or kissing. And they have never kissed me. And I don't want them to do it now." <sup>she</sup> ~~he~~ had a bitter heart because ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> had never been shown love.

Oh, listen friends, why is there a break down in security? Why do we have insecure feelings and fears? You know, much of this is coming right back to the home. Folks, are we in love with one another in our homes? Parents...children...husbands and wives: Do we show that love and demonstrate it, daily...WHAT A TREMENDOUS NEED THERE IS FOR THIS. Both on the part of the wife and the husband.

And I would, also, like to add: What a tremendous need there is to demonstrate love among believers. We get so cold and so self-centered in our own little world with our own little problems and we fail to think about the other person and what they are experiencing. A basic human need is to be loved. And thank God, His Spirit will produce that love in us if we will let him.

The wife is, also, according to Vs 5 "to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands." WHY? End of Vs 5... "so that the word of God may not be dishonored." ISN'T THAT FASCINATING?.....

Why do people make fun of the Word of God? Why do some people treat lightly the things of God? Maybe it is simply because they do not see in our lives what the Bible says should be there.....

(4) Then the last area of responsibility. I would like you to come back to I Timothy chapter 2, please. As a wife sense this submission and the leadership of her husband, she might have the tendency to say: "O.K. THAT IS FINE. BUT WHERE DO I FIT INTO THE PLAN OF GOD? AM I EXCLUDED? ARE MY ONLY BLESSINGS THROUGH MY HUSBAND?" WHAT IS THE REAL ASSURANCE FOR THE WIFE? This is a very beautiful text.

I Timothy chapter 2 verse 11 says, "Let a woman quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness." Now, I am not going to comment on that verse ladies. Just reading it will bother you the rest of the day....

Vs 12... "But I do not allow a woman to teach"....Literally: "TO BE THE TEACHER." The idea is talking the authority of being "THE TEACHER." The phrase "THE TEACHER" in the Bible refers to "THE PASTOR". This verse is not saying that a woman cannot teach. As the older women are to teach the younger women in Titus 2.

But the verse is teaching that the woman should never be in the place of being "THE TEACHER"...In other words, the Pastor.

Then in Vs 13 and 14, Paul gives the order of authority. First, by way of creation; and then, secondly, by way of the fall.

Vs 13.. "For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman being quite deceived, fell into transgression."

Now, why was Eve deceived? Because she took the place she shouldn't have taken. The place of leadership over Adam.

Vs 15.... "but women shall be preserved <sup>in saved</sup> through the bearing of children if they continue in faith and love and sancity with self-restraint."

I find that many people have problems with this verse. And many others simply want to engore it. BUT, WHAT DOES IT MEAN? Does this verse mean that a woman is saved only if she has children?

If that is true, what about all those <sup>wonderful</sup> ladies who do not have children? Are they lost?....WHAT DOES THIS VERSE MEAN?

Now, I want you to follow this closely. Not only to understand, but <sup>just you to</sup> do not miss the blessing....

There are two little additions that I would like |you to make ~~to~~ your Bibles that are very important. Also, they are found in the Greek text.

First of all, change the word "children" to the singula tense "child". It is not plural, but singular. It simply should read "CHILD."

Secondly, add the articule "THE" before the word "child."

Your text should read, if you are using the New American Standard. <sup>R.S.V.</sup> "Saved through the bearing of THE CHILD."

If you are using KJ...it would read, "Saved in THE CHILDBEARING."

Woman shall be saved in "THE CHILDBEARING". O.K. what is that referring to? It is referring to a particular event. WHAT IS THAT? The birth of Jesus Christ. HOW SHALL A WOMAN BE SAVED? She was deceived. But, friends, she <sup>was</sup> saved through the same method that was pronounced in Genesis 3:15 and is found here in Vs 15...She is saved through the coming of Jesus Christ.



Jesus was born of a woman. { In Romans chapter 5 we read: "Just as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin, spread to all men, because all have sinned. So, the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many."

In I Corinthians 15 Paul said, "for as in Adam all died, so also, in Christ all shall be made alive."

Vs 15 of I Timothy chapter 2 is simply saying that women shall be saved in the bearing of "THE CHILD". And that child was Christ Jesus who bore all our sins on the cross that whosoever would believe in Him would be saved.

Did you know, that right here is the greatest assurance that I could bring ~~to~~ to anyone of you, concerning salvation and eternal life. For the great news of the Gospel which began with Adam and Eve and runs like a thread all the way through the Bible is that God will bring salvation to you and to me through the bearing of THE CHILD. And that child was Jesus Christ. God became the man, Jesus. And He identified himself with the human race and ~~it~~ told us who God is and what God wants. He is the saviour of the world.

mt And I offer to you this morning no other hope than this. You can only be saved through ONE CHILD that was born into this world. And He is the Saviour. And His name is Jesus. And it was that child who went to the cross and paid for all of your sins and mine.

And now ~~Christ~~ <sup>Jesus</sup> ask me and He ask you to come into a positional relationship of faith and love and holiness. To believe God. To accept Jesus. To invite Him to be your saviour and Lord. To ask Him to come into your life. To accept His free gift of eternal life. To accept His forgiveness of sin. ...And when you ask Jesus to come into your life, at that moment, the Bible says, YOU ARE SAVED, FOREVER....PRAISE GOD!!!

That is the assurance for the woman as well as the man. And I <sup>trust</sup> ~~hope~~ you will ~~make that decision~~ <sup>have that assurance,</sup> right now.....

SHALL WE CLOSE IN PRAYER