

# ROLES

*But wisdom is proved right by all her children. - Luke 7:35*

## I. THREE POSITIONS:

Position #1 \_\_\_\_\_ They believe men and women are absolutely equal in value and worth and there are no gender roles.

Position #2 \_\_\_\_\_ They believe that men are superior to women in value and worth and have different gender roles.

Position #3 \_\_\_\_\_ They believe that men and women are absolutely equal in value and worth and have different gender roles.

Gender roles are God's idea. He uniquely and systematically designed men and women \_\_\_\_\_. Instead of men and women being independent, God intended \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. EQUAL IN VALUE AND WORTH:

*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. — Genesis 1:27*

*There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. — Galatians 3:28*

*Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. — 1 Peter 3:7*

## III. DIFFERENT GENDER ROLES:

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." — Genesis 2:18*

God created \_\_\_\_\_ within a marriage. The first thing God ever shared about Eve was what her role was to be. God created Eve's role \_\_\_\_\_ the fall. Therefore, her role must be good. Our acceptance of our roles in marriage comes from faith in God's character and wisdom, and not in how well roles fit within our culture.

The woman's primary role is \_\_\_\_\_. A woman's primary role is \_\_\_\_\_ to submit! Submission is not a role; rather it is a \_\_\_\_\_ to the husband's role.

*22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. — Ephesians 5:22-24*

Jesus is the head of His church, so the husband is the head of his wife. And being the head means being the leader. Every husband, you are the authority or head and leader of your wife. The man's primary role is \_\_\_\_\_. The fundamental aspect of a Christian husband's headship: \_\_\_\_\_. Five important functions for the husband to fulfill in his family: \_\_\_\_\_

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*25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.... 33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. — Ephesians 5:25-27, 33*

*18 Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. — Colossians 3:18-19*

What does submit mean? Submit - to surrender; commit to the decision or judgment of another. It is a choice you make, women. Therefore, women (and their roles) are to be treated with tremendous respect and honor. A husband's response should be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- *Recovering Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* by John Piper & Wayne Grudem
- *Men and Women – Equal Yet Different* by Alexander Strauch
- *Feminine Appeal* by Carolyn Mahaney
- *A Husband After God's Own Heart* by Jim George
- *A Wife After God's Own Heart* by Elizabeth George
- *Creative Counterpart* by Linda Dillow
- *Summaries of the Egalitarian and Complementarian Positions* by Bruce A. Ware
  - <http://cbmw.org/uncategorized/summaries-of-the-egalitarian-and-complementarian-positions/>
- *God-Honoring Authority and Communion* (1 Corinthians 11) by Bill Young (12.13.09)
  - <http://www.experiencetherock.com/mp3/message/2009/broken/11godhonoringauthority.mp3>
- *Biblical Women: Roles and Gifts* by Tim Haring (Pastor's Conference 06.2004)
  - <http://www.experiencetherock.com/mp3/message/special/womenroles1.mp3>
  - <http://www.experiencetherock.com/mp3/message/special/womenroles2.mp3>

#### **HOMEWORK:**

Complete and turn in the following assignments:

- Couple's Project

# COUPLE'S PROJECT

Inventory of Role Expectations

1-Strongly agree

2-Mildly agree

3-Not sure

4-Mildly disagree

5-Strongly disagree

**WIFE**

**HUSBAND**

1 2 3 4 5	The husband is the head of the home.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The wife should not be employed outside of the home.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The husband should help regularly with the dishes.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The wife has the greater responsibility for the children.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The husband's responsibility is to his job and the wife's responsibility is to the home and children.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	Major decisions should be made by the husband in case of an impasse.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The husband should babysit one night a week so the wife can get away and do what she wants.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	A couple should spend their leisure activities with one another.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	It is all right for the wife to initiate lovemaking with her husband.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The husband & wife should plan the budget and manage money matters together.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The father is the one responsible for disciplining the children.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	It is the wife's responsibility to have the house neat and clean.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The husband should take his wife out once a week.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The wife is just as responsible for the children's discipline as the husband.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	It is the husband's job to do the yard work.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The mother should be the teacher of values to the children.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	Children should be allowed to help plan family activities.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	Children develop better in a home with parents who are strict disciplinarians.	1 2 3 4 5
1 2 3 4 5	The wife should always obey what her husband asks her to do.	1 2 3 4 5