

Distinctions: The Role of Husbands and The Role of Wives

God's design for marriage: a husband is primarily to lead, provide for, pastor, and protect his wife and children. A wife is primarily to support, submit to, and serve her husband and care for her husband and children.

Review from Session One:

- There is a fundamental and necessary distinction between God, the Creator, and everything and everyone in creation.
- God, the Creator, incorporated further distinctions in His created order.
- God's good creation, including the distinctions He established, has been under attack since sin entered the world.
 - The distinction between the role of the husband and the role of the wife
 - The distinction between marriage and family and singleness
 - The distinction between the role of men and the role of women
 - The distinction between the identity of men and the identity of women
 - The distinction between humans and other creatures
 - The distinction between creatures and the rest of creation
- An attack on God's created distinctions is an attack on the necessary distinction between God, the Creator, and His creation, which is ultimately an attack against God.

1. **God established distinct roles in marriage for _____ and _____.**

- ***Husbands are called to be the spiritual _____ of their homes.***

*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***

*I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. **1 Corinthians 11:3***

*The husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. **Ephesians 5:23***

- ***Wives are called to _____ to the husband's spiritual leadership and serve as his _____.***

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

*I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **Psalms 121:1-2***

- ***A husband's primary arena of responsibility is _____ and _____.***

*The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. **Genesis 2:15***

- **A wife's primary arena of responsibility is _____ and _____.**

She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Proverbs 31:27

Teach what accords with sound doctrine . . . Older women likewise are to be reverent in behavior, not slanderers or slaves to much wine. They are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be self-controlled, pure, working at home, kind, and submissive to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be reviled.

Titus 2:1, 3-5

Examples of women who worked in the Bible: Ruth, the Proverbs 31 woman, Lydia, Priscilla

2. **This distinction has been under attack since the _____.**

“In the home, the husband’s loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife’s intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility.”

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3. **This distinction is for God’s _____ and our _____, and rejecting it will lead to increased _____ and _____.**

“In the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands’ authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands’ leadership.”

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Key Points to Remember:

- We cannot stand in judgment of the culture if we have rejected God’s design within our own families and churches.
- Biology and unbiased scientific observation reinforce the truth claims of God’s Word.
- God’s position as Creator is not in danger from this attack, and neither is His created order.
- More resources are available from the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood at <https://cbmw.org/>.

Fill in the Blank Answers:

1. husbands, wives, leaders, submit, helper, work, provision, home, family
2. beginning
3. glory, good, suffering, brokenness