

# What Happens When Man Does Not Fulfill His Role At Home?

Should this question even be considered in our bulletin? After all, it's directed at the home not the church. God's Word tells us how we ought to conduct ourselves in the assemblies (1 Tim.3:14-15-These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; 15 but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.) The apostle Paul in 1 Timothy 2:9-13-(In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; 10 but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve;) states by the Holy Spirit how godly women are to be. Now, I am aware that there are some, even after reading the Word of God, still rebel. Whether male or female, if we do not accept our God-given roles in the church, home, or in society in general, we will not be pleasing to the Creator. From the beginning of God's Word to it's close, God has a design, to save His creation. But from the beginning of the first book and to the close of the last man has a strong desire to please himself and not his Creator.

Before entering our subject in depth, I would like for us to consider the following passage in Jude: "And angels that kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgment of the great day." Now, if each one of us can keep this scripture before us and understand that God holds "ALL" responsible to keep His Word, both men and angles.

Are there separate roles for men and women ? If we prayerfully study God's Word, and see a distinction between "man's" role and "women's" role, will we be honest enough to put God first and abide in His teaching???

I think it best for us to understand we are not talking about a male being of more value to God than a female. What we are talking about is authority, that is God's authority to assign roles for His creation. Before anyone shouts unfair, please consider the Almighty God of heaven and His only begotten Son. As an

ex-military man I recognize the "chain of command", that is authority. When Jesus stated in Matthew 28:18...All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth., this statement simply shows that God has delegated His authority to Christ. Also consider the relationship between God and His Son, does not the scripture teach that Jesus himself is God, equal in nature to the Father (John 1:1; 5:17-24; 10:30). Even with this being the case, Jesus took on the role of submission under the Father. Question??? Are we better than Jesus? Of course not! Then why do we want to rebel when God gives us a role!!!

What is mans role in the home? In Gen.3:16-19--Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy pain and thy conception; in pain thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; 18 thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; 19 in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, ..." We can see two things here that God has assigned man; a. to be the provider for the family, b. to be the head over his wife. Adam worked before his fall in the Garden, but now his labor would be intensified because of sin. Also note: That Adam was charged with sin for following Eve's leadership V.17. Simply put, Adam was responsible to lead, but he allowed his mate to step outside her role and lead. Have you ever wondered why God called to Adam and not to Eve? It is simply because God assigned to Adam the leadership role and thus held him accountable.

Let us turn our attention to the New Testament, here we see the same thread of truth. Paul writing to the Ephesians 5:22-24 states--Wives, [be in subjection] unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, and Christ also is the head of the church, [being] himself the saviour of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so [let] the wives also [be] to their husbands in everything. Did you notice that God has always made both parties responsible for not only their role but also their mates. PLEASE look at this passage again, can Christ give up His role as "Head of the church" Why then do some men feel that they can delegate their "head-ship" to their mate? Now, what if the wife does not submit to her husband, can the church do the same with Christ?

Man may say "this is the 90's", "my wife is smarter then I am", "that's just the

way we live", "each to their own", or "I'm better with the children than my wife is". Beloved, look at Titus 2:3-5--that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanor, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that which is good; 4 that they may train the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 [to be] sober-minded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed: This plainly teaches us that younger women must be trained to love their husband and children. Beloved, there are circumstances that require a woman to be the primary provider (illness or injury) this is the exception not the rule. However, the trend to make or allow woman to be equally responsible to provide for the family or the primary provider is full of danger. It is not wrong to have personal goals but they must be in line with God's design. If a husband and wife agree together to allow the man to stay home and keep the house while his wife pursues a career is not following God's design. Both are usurping their authority over God's. Beloved, remember Ananias & Sapphira , they both agreed!