



# God's Design for Marriage

The Role of the Husband  
Part 1



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Application from last week:

Are you contentious?

Are you in biblical submission to the Lord?

Are you in biblical submission to your husband?

Do you respect and love your husband?

Which characteristics of a godly woman do you need to work on?



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Not Good to be Alone

Genesis 2:18

<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”



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## The Value of a Godly Man

Psalm 1:1–3

<sup>1</sup> How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!

<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night.

<sup>3</sup> He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season And its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.



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## The Fear of the Lord Defined

“To fear God means to acknowledge His superiority over man, to recognize His deity and thus respond in awe, humility, worship, love, trust, and obedience.” *A Biblical Theology of the Old Testament*, Editor Roy B. Zuck, p. 215



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## The Fear of the Lord and Wisdom

Proverbs 1:7

<sup>7</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 9:10

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,  
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



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## The Fear of the Lord and Evil

Proverbs 8:13

<sup>13</sup> “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way And the perverted mouth, I hate.

Psalms 97:10

<sup>10</sup> Hate evil, you who love the LORD, Who preserves the souls of His godly ones; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.



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The Fear of the Lord and Godliness

Prov 14:2

2 He who walks in his uprightness fears the Lord,  
But he who is devious in his ways despises Him.





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## The Fear of the Lord and Confidence

Prov 14:26-27

26 In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence, And his children will have refuge.

27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, That one may avoid the snares of death.



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The Fear of the Lord and Contentment

Prov 15:16

16 Better is a little with the fear of the Lord Than  
great treasure and turmoil with it.

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## The Fear of the Lord and the Word of God

Proverbs 2:1–5

<sup>1</sup> My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you,

<sup>2</sup> Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding;

<sup>3</sup> For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding;

<sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures;

<sup>5</sup> Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God.



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## Danger Signs

Prov 3:7

7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the Lord and turn away from evil.

Isa 5:21

21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!



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## Danger Signs

Prov 12:15

15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, But a wise man is he who listens to counsel.



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## Danger Signs

Proverbs 9:8

<sup>8</sup> Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you, Reprove a wise man and he will love you.

Proverbs 14:16

<sup>16</sup> A wise man is cautious and turns away from evil,  
But a fool is arrogant and careless.



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## Application

Do you have a biblical fear of the Lord?

Do you delight in the Word of God?

Is the Word of God on your mind both day and night?

Are you a diligent student of God's Word?

Do you seek and respond well to godly counsel?

Do you hate evil?



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## Preparation for Next Class

Ephesians 5:25

<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her...

Ephesians 5:28

<sup>28</sup> So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself...

Ephesians 5:33

<sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.





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## Preparation for Next Class

Consider what it means to sacrificially love another person.

Consider the life of Christ – how did He demonstrate sacrificial love?

What does sacrificial love look like in a marriage?