

**Male
Leadership
Exalts
The Woman**

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Our Legacy: (Each statement we make with a smile.)

- **God speaks today – Jeremiah 3:33**
- **Scriptures are God Breathed – 2Timothy 3:16**
- **Jesus loves us and died for us – 2Corinthians 5:21**
- **Faith is hearing God then obeying – Hebrews 11:8**
- **Holy Spirit is God in the man – 1Corinthians 3:16**
- **Freedom, The Little Red Wagon – Galatians 5:1**
- **Male leadership exalts the woman – Ephesians 5:25**
- **Holy Fire Tools are Gifts of the Spirit – 1Corinthians 1:7**

Embracing these truths will enable us to dismantle, neuter, and defeat anything Satan throws at us. These messages redirect the conversation to Jesus who holds the answer to all questions of mankind.

#7 Male leadership Exalts the Woman!

Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her!

Christ died that the church would be exalted. When the husband loves his wife like Christ loves the church, he likewise exalts the woman. This is the “sole” argument for “Male Leadership”. Before the world, we proclaim this truth.

The world is attacking men, male leadership, warring against toxic masculinity. Unfortunately, the church is following right behind. God is pleased with masculinity and femininity. God made men and women who in their differences reflect God.

God is the creator of marriage, the husband-and-wife relationship. **Biblically, in the family and in the church, God demands male leadership that exalts the woman.** Ephesian 5:25 clearly establishes the male role in the family which overflows into the church. The husband is to love his wife, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Looking to Christ, this means that the husband is to self sacrificially love his wife. **As Christ went to the cross and died for the church, the husband should give his life for his wife.** As Christ died for us while we were still sinners to make atonement for us, the husband should love his wife without demanding anything in return. The love Christ extends to the church represents the love a Christian man should show to his wife. **This is Biblical Male Leadership.**

As a note, over the years of preaching, teaching, and counseling, I have shared this Biblical truth concerning Male Leadership with believers and unbelievers. My personal experience has been that women love this truth while men tend to resist it. However, men should aggressively pursue this truth to fulfill the purpose God has for them. The marriage where the man is exhibiting self-sacrificial love is a beautiful picture illustrating **the redemptive truth of Christ for HIS bride the church.**

Ephesians 5:32 (ESV)

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

This profound mystery is talking specifically about marriage!

This is a profound mystery; the marriage relationship reflects Christ loving and exalting HIS church! Verses Eph.5:25 and 32 are fundamental truths demonstrating God's purpose concerning Male Leadership. **Also, we clearly see why Satan is determined to destroy this earthly picture by demeaning men.** Destruction of Biblical male leadership destroys God's intended picture of Christ and the church. The unbelieving world has an issue with God who spoke these truths. Unfortunately, the church has adopted elements of this world view which distorts God's redemptive picture.

Therefore, we must remember that Male Leadership which exalts the woman is not a social issue but is an avenue God uses to demonstrate Christ's love for mankind.

Our primary focus has been male leadership in marriage and the church family. **However, when this truth is embraced, there is a natural respectful attitude that flows over into all male and female relationships.** For instance, a man will naturally open the door for a woman and the woman will naturally allow him. Meditate on this! Also, ladies you have a special role that will help a man succeed in this impossible calling to love his wife like Christ loved the church.

Ephesians 5:33 (ESV)

Let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ladies you want to motivate your husband and see him succeed? **Show him Respect!**

Another point, over the years, I have run across some truly “nasty” women. Even Jesus acknowledged that hard hearts prohibited God’s desired purpose in marriage.

Matthew 19:8 (ESV)

Jesus said, “Because of your hardness of heart Moses allowed you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.”

Granted, hard hearts are shared equally between men and women. This does not take away the Biblical responsibility of both the man and woman to be obedient before God. **No matter what the situation, men need to step up to their God given leadership role and watch God work. Our motivation:**

- 1) We accept that this is the picture of Christ and the church.**
- 2) We accept that Christ first loved us, and we were changed by HIS self-sacrificing love.**
- 3) We accept that men exhibiting self-sacrificing love is an avenue that God desires to exalt and honor the woman.**

#7 Male leadership exalts the woman and is a picture of Christ and the church.

1 John 4:19

We love because HE first loved us.