

God is proud of Men who Accomplish their tasks

Genesis 26:5 *Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

Joshua 24:15 *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: **but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.***

God elevated and gave praise to men who ordered their house in order to follow God. The matter is that these men obeyed God, and they influenced their wives to do the same, and then they order their children in the same paths. Probably, Abraham was not a believer when he married Sarah. Even though there are examples of exemplary women, especially mothers and sons educating their children well, but women doing great feats in the work of God are not as common as men doing these feats.

A Man after God's own Heart

1 Samuel 13:14 *But now thy kingdom shall not continue: **the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart,** and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, **because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.***

Acts 13:22 *And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, **I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.***

The contrast between Saul and David is that Saul did not please God and David dedicated his life to seeking God, and doing the will of God. David gave his life over to obey God. But notice that David murdered his principal general in time of war. Saul did not do this. David stole away this general's wife, and we do not see sexual sins of this grade in the life of Saul. Certainly, if Saul had done something like this, the divine record in the Bible would have mentioned it. But David has praise from God for his dedication to seek the will of God and impose that will of God in his own life.

God gave Man the task of Dominating

Genesis 2:15 God put Adam in the garden with the task of *"dressing it and keeping it"*. Firstly, God wanted man to work. This is his task, to work. But apart from working and watching (a spiritual task to protect from evil) God commanded man to have dominion over the earth. This **"dominion"** is to subdue it, to dominate it, to command, to direct, to consume it. God commanded man to subdue the earth (which means to step on, to bring under his dominion and control). The earth and all in it was for man's good and use. Thus, it is man's divine right and task to dominate.

The Order of Creation

The order of events in Genesis 2: 1) The creation of Adam. 2) The Creation of the Garden of Eden. 3) The commandment not to eat of the tree. 4) The creation of Eve. Apparently, Eve did not yet exist when God gave the commandment about the tree, and Adam had the responsibility to teach her that. (Men have that obligation to spiritually lead their families to know, to understand, and to walk in God's principles.) From the beginning, God wanted man to be the leader of the home, especially in matters of religion. This was before sin entered, and especially afterward. **1 Timothy 2:11** *Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection. **12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.** **13** For Adam was first formed, then Eve. **14** And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression. **15** Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.* Paul made the case that God treated them differently because God had different purposes and tasks for the man and the woman. Thus, God instituted men as leaders of their home and world, and the woman is to be subject to her husband. God gave charges to Adam before he created Eve. This was with a purpose, and Paul observed this as part of the cause of the curse.

Satan left the authority of God and what God had as his purpose, and we call that rebellion against God, God being the maximum authority. So God

sees it as very important that people perform their tasks with the authority of God behind them. People have to act under the auspices of "God's way" of doing things if they are to please God. In this passage in Genesis, Eve dominated Adam, led him into sin, and caused the human race to enter into sin.

God placed the Woman under Submission

Genesis 2:18 *And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; **I will make him an help meet for him.***

"be alone" God is Trinity. God is a Trinity because *"God is love"* **1 John 4:8**. In order to have "love", you have to have somebody **to initiate the love** (the Father), you have to have **an object of the love** (the Son), and you have to have **an evidence of the love** (the Spirit) which is a flowing of the love from the Father to the Son (and back again). But the social fellowship that is in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is in eternity, before the creation, being the focus really. But God noted man being "alone", without that eternal fellowship like God has, and God made man a helpmate to allow him to enjoy this fellowship and love.

"Help meet" The creation of the woman was the solution or remedy of God for lonely Adam. **"Help"** speaks of somebody that completes his life, not a boss, or supervisor to straight out his life. **"Meet"** means a counterpart, or "spouse". The idea here is "against" or "in front of" just as in John 1 the Word was in front of God. Being God, but also in face to face contact with God, communion with God. In many marriages, the wife understands her "in front of" her husband as being permission and having the task of opposing and fighting with her husband. **But the idea is fellowshiping socially, making her equal with the man in essence, but different from the man in purpose and tasks as assigned by God.**

The Mistake of Adam

Genesis 3:17 *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... Were Adam and Eve exactly and totally equals? Were they supposed to be a commitment in making decisions, or was Adam who was to be the leader as God set things up? According to **Genesis 3:17** failed God because he listened to Eve, he obeyed Eve instead of God. In other words, Adam had the authority of God to watch, to guard, to protect the garden (both his home and his work) and his family. But simply put, he failed. But "his task" was not to subject Eve, but to encourage her to conformity with the will of God. Being equals, this cannot involve Adam commanding like a dictator and nothing more, but rather to educate her in God's Word with love, care, and timeless patience.

What is "being a man" then?

What does "being a man" mean? What does God command all men to be? **1 Corinthians 16:13** *Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, **quit you like men, be strong.** 14 Let all your things be done with charity.* There are so many problems between husbands and wives today that go to this root cause, that men don't act like the men God wants them to be. It seems impossible or extremely rare that a man conducts himself in a manly manner. Most males don't even understand what this is nor how to do it. It is not machoism, but being a godly and spiritual gentleman, in the image of Christ.

Notice that in 1 Corinthians 16:13, love saturates everything that a man does. Love is defined as "**my sacrifice for your benefit**". So, the purpose of God for men is that they work, and with the sweat of the brow (much energy and design), that they love their wives (**Eph. 5:25**) and children. This is the plan of God. Men support their wife and families. **If you do not love your own, there is no way you can say you are living to please God.**

One Flesh

Matthew 19:5 *And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and **they twain shall be one flesh**?* The problem in many marriages is simply that they do not understand that once married, they are one. God

accepts your decision in marrying (even if he disagrees with your choice, but later on you will find out the hard way about that), and God ratifies your marriage making you united into one single unit. Whatever you do to hurt your spouse, in essence, you are hurting yourself in the end analysis of things. What sacrifices you do to benefit your spouse will also come back to bless you.

Remember that God made the woman to be face to face with Adam in this social aspect? This is it. As God is a Trinity, and is in harmony, **a unit where there is no discord**, thus should a man and his wife be also. We take into consideration the other person before making decisions. **It is talking things over first, but the authority and responsibility rests on the man, especially if things go wrong with the decision.**

Eve thought for herself without taking into consideration Adam, or even her family. If she was taught by Adam that God made him leader of the family, then she should have consulted him. She acted what she wanted, and was deceived by Satan, and brought her family into the ruin of sin. She left what God had given her as her task, and she took over and dominated her marriage.

Men of God should never be Abusive

1 Peter 3:7 *Likewise, ye husbands, **dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.** Men that please God understand that their "social relationship" with their wives can ruin their spiritual life or make it stronger, better, more godly. In no way should a man abuse his wife. He should treat her with much care and honor. Above all the man should lead his home, making the life of his wife as pleasant as can be. 1 Timothy 5:8 *But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**

Men are God's Agents to accomplish His Will



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1 Kings 2:2... *be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man;*

God has tasks for everybody. This is called a "calling" by God's will for each person. There are classes of people with special tasks, that there are group that have these tasks anchored in who they are, what is their calling. But what tasks does God have for men as a group?

God has chosen men to complete and do His will and his mission to proclaim His salvation to the world. Women have a different set of tasks involving their being mothers and wives.