

PRO 27:17 As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.

1. **GEN 1:27** So God (*Elohim*) created (*bara*) man (*adam*) in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. 28 Then God blessed (*barak*) them, and God said to them, “**BE FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY; fill the earth and SUBDUE it; have DOMINION** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and **over every living thing** that moves on the earth.”
2. **GEN 2:18** And the Lord God said, “**It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.**” 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. 22 Then the rib which the Lord God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. 23 And Adam said: “**This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman (*ishah*), Because she was taken out of Man (*iysh*).**” 24 **Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (*cleave*) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**
3. **GEN 3:15 (TO THE SERPENT)** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.” 16 **TO THE WOMAN He said: “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.”** 17 Then **TO ADAM He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground (*adamah*) for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it All the days of your life.**
4. **GEN 5:1** This is **the book of the generations of Adam (*adam = red*).** In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 **Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and CALLED THEIR NAME ADAM, in the day when they were created.**
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6. **DEU 24:5** “**When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged with any business; he shall be free AT HOME ONE YEAR, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.**
7. **ECC 4:12** Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. **And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.**
8. **ECC 9:9** **Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your vain life which He has given you under the sun, all your days of vanity; for that is your portion in life, and in the labor which you perform under the sun.**
9. **MAT 19:5** “and said, ‘**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh**’? 6 “So then, **they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.”**

Submission to Authority Essential FIRST for the Husband, then for the Wife

10. **EPH 5:21** **SUBMITTING (*hupotasso*) to one another in the fear (*phobeo*) of God.** 22 **Wives, SUBMIT (*hupotasso*) to your own husbands, as to the Lord.** 23 **For the husband is HEAD of the wife, as also Christ is HEAD of the church (*ekklesia*); and He is the Savior (*soteria*) of the body.** 24 **Therefore, just as the church is SUBJECT (*hupotasso*) to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.** 25 **Husbands, LOVE (*agapao*) your wives, just as Christ also loved (*agapao*) the church and gave Himself for her,** 26 **that He might sanctify (*hagiazo*) and cleanse (*katharizo*) her with the washing of water by the word (*rhema*),** 27 **that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy (*hagios*) and without blemish.** 28 **So HUSBANDS OUGHT TO LOVE (*agapao*) THEIR OWN WIVES as their own bodies; he who loves (*agapao*) his wife loves (*agapao*) himself.** 29 **For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.** 30 **For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.** 31 “For this reason **a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (*proskollao*) to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh (*sarx*).**” 32 This is a great mystery, but **I speak concerning Christ and the church (*ekklesia*).** 33 **Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so LOVE (*agapao*) his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects (*phobeo*) her husband.**
11. **1CO 11:3** **But I want you to know that the HEAD of every man is Christ, the HEAD of woman is man, and the HEAD of Christ is God.** 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head, for that is one and the same as if her head were shaved. 6 For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or shaved, let her be covered. 7 **For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man.** 8 **For man is not from woman, but woman from man.** 9 **Nor was man created for the woman, but woman for the man.** 10 **For this reason the woman ought to have A SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY on her head, because of the angels.** 11 **Nevertheless, neither is man independent of woman, nor woman independent of man, in the Lord.** 12 **For as woman came from man, even so man also comes through woman; but all things are from God.**

12. **1CO 7:14** For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?
13. **1CO 14:34** Let your women keep silent in the churches, for they are not permitted to speak; but they are to be SUBMISSIVE, as the law also says. 35 And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home; for it is shameful for women to speak in church. 36 Or did the word of God come originally from you? Or was it you only that it reached? 37 If anyone thinks himself to be a prophet or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things which I write to you are the commandments of the Lord.
14. **1TI 2:11** Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.
15. **1TI 5:8** But if anyone does not PROVIDE for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.
16. **IPE 3:7** Husbands, likewise, dwell with them (your wife) with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

Being the Spiritual Head Applies Also to the LARGER FAMILY, the Church

17. **1TI 3:2** A **BISHOP** (*episkopos*) then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; 3 not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; 4 one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence 5 (for IF A MAN DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO RULE HIS OWN HOUSE, HOW WILL HE TAKE CARE OF THE CHURCH OF GOD?); 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the same condemnation as the devil. 7 Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.
18. **1TI 3:8** Likewise DEACONS (*diakonoi*) must be reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, 9 holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. 10 But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as DEACONS, being found blameless. 11 Likewise their WIVES must be reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let DEACONS be the husbands of one wife, RULING THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR OWN HOUSES WELL. 13 For those who have served well as deacons obtain for themselves a good standing and great boldness (*assurance*) in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.
19. **TIT 1:5** For this reason I left you in Crete, that you should set in order the things that are lacking, and appoint ELDERS (*presbuteros*) in every city as I commanded you—6 if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. 7 For a BISHOP must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, 8 but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled, 9 holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.
20. **IPE 5:1** The ELDERS (*presbuteros*) who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as OVERSEERS (*episkopeo*), not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock;

Love Your Wife, as Christ Also Loved the Church

21. **DEU 6:4** “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one! 5 “You shall LOVE the Lord your God with all your HEART, with all your SOUL, and with all your STRENGTH. 6 “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 “You shall teach them diligently TO YOUR CHILDREN, and shall talk of them when you sit IN YOUR HOUSE, when you walk BY THE WAY, WHEN YOU LIE DOWN, and WHEN YOU RISE UP. 8 “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
22. **1CO 13:4** LOVE (*agape*) is patient, LOVE is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 LOVE (*agape*) does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 LOVE (*agape*) NEVER FAILS. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and LOVE (*agape*) But the greatest of these is LOVE (*agape*).

23. **COL 3:18** Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. 19 **Husbands, LOVE (*agapao*) your wives and do not be bitter toward them.** 21 **Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged.**

PRO 18:22 He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the Lord.
PRO 19:14 Houses and riches are an inheritance from fathers, But a prudent wife is from the Lord.

Sex in Marriage

24. **PRO 5:15** Drink water from your own cistern, And running water from your own well. 16 Should your fountains be dispersed abroad, Streams of water in the streets? 17 Let them be only your own, And not for strangers with you.
25. **PRO 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, And rejoice with the wife of your youth.** 19 As a loving deer and a graceful doe, Let her breasts satisfy you at all times; And **always be enraptured with her love.**
26. **1CO 7:1** Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 **Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.** 4 **THE WIFE DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER HER OWN BODY, BUT THE HUSBAND DOES. And likewise THE HUSBAND DOES NOT HAVE AUTHORITY OVER HIS OWN BODY, BUT THE WIFE DOES.** 5 **Do not deprive one another (sexually) except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.**
27. **SON 2:16 My beloved is mine, and I am his.** He feeds his flock among the lilies. (To Her Beloved)
28. **GEN 2:24** Therefore **a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined (CLEAVE) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.**

Divorce and Infidelity

29. **PRO 5:20** For **why should you, my son, be enraptured by an immoral woman, And be embraced in the arms of a seductress?** 21 **For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And He ponders all his paths.** 22 **His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.** 23 He shall die for lack of instruction, And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.
30. **PRO 6:27** Can a man take fire to his bosom, And his clothes not be burned? 28 Can one walk on hot coals, And his feet not be seared? 29 So is he who goes in to his neighbor's wife; Whoever touches her shall not be innocent. 32 **Whoever commits adultery with a woman lacks understanding; He who does so destroys his own soul.** 33 Wounds and dishonor he will get, And his reproach will not be wiped away. 34 For jealousy is a husband's fury; Therefore he will not spare in the day of vengeance. 35 He will accept no recompense, Nor will he be appeased though you give many gifts.
31. **MAL 2:14** Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because **the Lord has been witness Between you and the wife of your youth, With whom you have dealt treacherously; Yet she is your companion And your wife by covenant.** 15 But did He not make them one, Having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, And let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth. 16 "For **the Lord God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence,**" Says the Lord of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously."
32. **MAT 19:3 The Pharisees also came to Him,** testing Him, and saying to Him, "**Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for just any reason?**" 4 And He answered and said to them, "**Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,'** 5 "and said, '**For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh**'? 6 "**So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.**" 7 They said to Him, "Why then did Moses command to give a certificate of divorce, and to put her away?" 8 He said to them, "**Moses, because of the hardness of your hearts, permitted you to divorce your wives, but from the beginning it was not so.** 9 "And I say to you, **whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery; and whoever marries her who is divorced commits adultery.**" 10 His disciples said to Him, "If such is the case of the man with his wife, it is better not to marry." 11 But He said to them, "All cannot accept this saying, but only those to whom it has been given: 12 "For there are eunuchs who were born thus from their mother's womb, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men, and there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He who is able to accept it, let him accept it."

33. **1CO 7:10** Now to the MARRIED I command, yet not I but the Lord: A wife is not to depart from her husband. 11 But even if she does depart, let her remain unmarried or be reconciled to her husband. And a husband is not to divorce his wife. 12 But to the rest I, not the Lord, say: If any brother has a wife who does not believe, and she is willing to live with him, let him not divorce her. 13 And a woman who has a husband who does not believe, if he is willing to live with her, let her not divorce him. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband; otherwise your children would be unclean, but now they are holy. 15 But if the unbeliever departs, let him depart; a brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases. But God has called us to peace. 16 For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?

**Man as a Father, Man as a Husband
King, Warrior, Mentor, Friend**

34. **DEU 6:6** “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 “You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 “You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.
35. **EPH 6:4** And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

What is Love?

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. 4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. 8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. 12 Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. 13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

1 Corinthians 13 (NIV)