The Duties of the Wife Part 2
God’s Divine Order Series

When two people come together in marriage, they become one flesh; a husband and a wife. 
**Ecclesiastes 4:12 Amp** tells us, “And though a man might prevail against him who is alone, two will withstand him. A threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Who is this third cord? **It is none other than God Himself.** It’s hard going when there are only two of you. Who is there to guide, to counsel, to direct, to comfort, to teach, etc. us? If God is not part of the equation, your chances of a successful marriage union go way down.

Wedlock is ordained by God, a Holy sacred union, **where each serves the other; the husband serves the wife and the wife, the husband.** The worst thing to have happen is to marry the wrong man, or to marry the wrong woman. That’s why it is so important that God be involved with your choice of a mate. Because we are focusing on the duties of a wife, we will give Scriptures that apply to us women.

**Proverbs 27:15,** "On a stormy day, drops of rain drive a man out of his house; so also does a railing woman drive a man out of his house."

I can only imagine that there is nothing that can be more miserable than having to spend every day of your life with an evil person, let alone an evil woman.

**What does it mean to be a godly woman?** If you are married, this is what you can grow and to become what God’s Word to us as women, shows that we can put before us as a benchmark. The duties of the wife can be narrowed down to some clear principles given to us by the Lord. Keep in mind, the Word of God says “His ways are not our ways, and His thoughts are not our thoughts. His ways are totally...
different than the world, and totally different than our own thinking and reasoning.

The **first duty** that a mature wife must fulfill is **help her man**. If you wanted life to revolve around you as an individual, you should have stayed single. It’s hard for people who have been single for a long time to acclimate to being married. I’m not saying it can’t be done, but you’ve lived single for a long time and done everything exactly as you have wanted to do it. Be ready for a big change. Make sure that you are ready ladies, to help your man.

**Help the Man**
In the beginning, when Almighty, Infinite, All powerful, everywhere present God made Adam, in His wisdom He did it exactly right.

**Genesis 2:18**, "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; let us make for him a **help** suitable to him."

God made someone to come **alongside** of him, co-responding (corresponding) to him, to work with him, **to accomplish the Divine goal that God has given man.**

The duty of a good wife, who wants to see a strong marriage and family, is to be the counterpart to her mate in such a way that that which God has given the **both** of them, she must be by his side as his helper. She is not intended to be the head, the Big, Chief Cheese, but to be beside her husband. She is not just some extra on the side, she is **an indispensable part of God’s Divine plan.**

One of the causes why so many men are miserable and why so many marriages fail is because the woman is not out to help **him**, she's using the marriage to help **herself**. She has a faulty, skewed view of the relationship. **Instead of being his partner and coming alongside to increase their relationship with God, which is the first and most important focus in any marriage, she becomes a part of the opposition, not cooperating with God's agenda for the family, but using it as a launching pad for her own purposes. And when a**
woman loses site that God’s first expectation of her in relationship to her husband is to be his helper, then a negative atmosphere is created in the household that is difficult to overcome. Quote Tony Evans.

So the question is, “What does a helper look like?” Now, the assumption, ladies, is that if God expects you to help your man, the understanding is your man needs help! Admittedly, men are not complete in and of themselves. I’m not dising men, its just the truth. This is God’s awesome, creative, mighty plan. So, if you are complaining, murmuring and finding fault with your man, he needs help; and guess who the helper is.

If you are saying, “My man is really messed up!” Guess who the helper is! If you are not fulfilling your role as his helper, stop complaining, stop downing him!

God made you the helper because man desperately needs help. He desperately needs someone to come alongside him who will be different than him, in order to complete him, thereby the Divine plan of God is fulfilled.

So, whenever the faults and weak areas of your husband come on the scene, this is a time for huge opportunities for you to fulfill your Scriptural duty; not simply to fuss and cuss about how messed up he is, but to analyze the kind of helper God has called you to be.

Explain--women who habitually down their husbands--it has become strongholds in their lives, patterns of thought and speech. It’s embarrassing, counterproductive and truly defeats the purpose of bringing healing, restoration and change.

This is when we, as women, should begin to cry out to the Lord for Him to reveal to us His purpose and way in the midst of what is happening. Maybe we, as wives, need to change in some ways. This is an awesome time to cry out to the Lord asking Him to reveal our thoughts and shortcomings and to pray this powerful prayer, Lord, Change Me!
In fact, if you are the total opposite of your husband, awesome! That means you can fill in all the blank areas where he needs help, all of his blindspots and weak areas. That’s not an opportunity for disgust, not a time for drama, but an opportunity for godly help and assistance. You are the one to help mold and shape him by speaking into him the purposes of God and reinforcing the man that God ultimately sees him and has purposed him and wants him to be in order to carry out the oversight of the family and as head of your household.

The description of a prolific helpmate is given in Proverbs 31:

**The Proverbs 31 Woman**

*Proverbs 31:10*, "Who shall find a virtuous woman? for such a one is more valuable than precious stones."

Many women have a low view of themselves which makes them a weak wife. If you see yourself as weak, helpless, wounded, etc., you need to seek God and His Word for an inner healing. Ask God to heal your heart and help you with the baggage you may have brought into your marriage. God is always moving and working and will do so even more as we totally yield ourselves in full surrender to Him.

*Psalm 18:35b Amp* is one my favorite verses that brings me such comfort. It says, “Your gentleness has made me great.” Father God knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows how to heal us and He knows when we are open to being healed and gently comes to heal us. Many times we do come to Him with a yielded heart, but when things don’t go as we expect them to go, we lose heart and take matters back into our own hands, with our arms and heart going up to defend ourselves and try to do things our way.

When you look at yourself as a priceless diamond, as you are in God’s eyes, then you begin to act like one. This is how your Heavenly Father sees you! If you only look at yourself as substitute, fake costume jewelry, you’re going to live as a fake substitute when you could be authentic and genuine having great rich value.
Fake diamonds can be made to look like the real thing, but it's not. **Proverbs 31** is talking about the real woman, not a plastic, phony woman. Not a woman that's so overdone, you don't know what the real thing looks like; not someone who knows the right words to say and how to play the plastic face game, but an authentic woman. And Scripture says when a man finds this kind of woman, a true and authentic wife, he's got a piece of jewelry that's very valuable. And what's the hallmark of this woman?

**Proverbs 31:12**, “For she employs all her living for her husband’s good. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.”

Now if your husband was asked what good are you to him, would he have an answer? Can he measure how you are consistently, all the time, always ongoing, determinately looking out for his good? Can he raise the point, if asked the question, that every time this wife wakes up she is thinking about how to make him a better man?

And if that is not your number one goal, you are not a godly wife. You may be a bed partner, you may be a cook, you may be this and you may be that, but a good wife seeks the good of her husband all the days of his life. That is, just as he is loving and honoring and cherishing you, you are to wake up and ask, “What good can I be to him today?”

Wow!! This is sooo different than the view of the world where each person, the man and the woman are out for who can get the most out of the marriage...just in case the marriage goes south. No wonder it goes south. This is not the Divine Order of God. Learn to be the Help Mate God has ordained you to be. Watch the blessing of the Lord come upon you and your husband, your family and household.

**Help him In and Out of the House**
One of the first ways she helps him is around the house.

**Proverbs 31:13-14**, Amp “She seeks out wool and flax and works with willing hands (to develop it). She is like the merchant ships
loaded with foodstuffs; she brings her household’s food from a far country.”

Proverbs 31:16, Amp “She considers new field before she buys or accepts it (expanding prudently and not courting neglect of her present duties by assuming other duties); with her savings (of time and strength) she plants fruitful vines in her vineyard.”

Proverbs 31:24, Amp “She makes fine linen garments and leads others to buy them; she delivers to the merchants girdles or sashes that free one up for service.”

There is a warped view among some "Christians" that if you're a Christian woman you sit home and throw your college education in the garbage. That you act subservient and never go forward with more education, etc. That there is no productivity, no skill; no ability to bring profit and capital into the household. But the Proverbs 31 woman is one who is educated and skilled, she saves money, uses money, and spends money wisely.

But she's doing this to the good of her husband. This is not like today's woman who is building their own career with their own money with their own bank account and their own independent plans. That's not the godly woman. Because a godly woman, while she uses those skills, always brings it back home for the expanding and embellishment of the home and the enhancement of her husband. For the betterment of the family.

There is no monetary competition. Story of when we didn’t make the same. It was for the benefit of us, not for me.

And if you love your work, your career so much that your husband is never benefiting from that work, from that career that you love, then you're not a godly wife. You bought the lie that you're your own woman, you do your own thing, and that man is your inconvenience, a nuisance to be put up with. That is a huge lie!

Explain--Jesus Christ came to be the liberator of women! He is the true feminist movement founder! From slaves to daughters of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords!
The feminism movement as it is today, demands specific and even outrageous rights. And as these specific rights are gotten, no matter how ridiculous they may be, many lose the opportunity of the joy of a healthy, godly marriage, even forfeiting the gift of children and family. Modern feminism is born from satanic rebellion against a Holy God. But because many women have established their own bank accounts, and spend their own money for their own agenda, and the good of the husband is nowhere to be found, then the blessings of God will not rest on your life or be in your household. Your godly home will become a godless home. Oh yes, you may go to church and live a ritualistic life, but is there genuine relationship with God or are you living just a form that has no relationship with the Lord? Are you a house of Saul—religion without relationship, or are you a house of David—a person after the heart of God, real, true relationship. If you’re of the house of Saul, your home will only be a place to hang your hat, but not your heart.

When you begin to live your married life with no thought of the betterment of your husband, you have joined the devil in destroying and dissolving your marriage. God did not give you a husband for you to live as an independent, single woman. He gave you a husband so that you could partner with him, team up with him as one, helping him by using your gifts, your skills, and your abilities that He has blessed you with, for the betterment of the whole household. News flash—it’s not all about you!! First, it’s all about God. Then it’s all about your husband and then your children, not your career. Whenever your career demands of you that which negates and cancels out your duty as wife and mother, you’re in the wrong career, and it is not a calling from God. You are out of balance before your husband, your family and most importantly, before God.

The Proverbs 31 woman uses her abilities, she does not throw them away. She also helps him parentally:

Help him Parentally
Proverbs 31:15, Amp “She rises while it is yet night and gets spiritual food for her household and assigns her maids their tasks.”
Proverbs 31:21, “Her husband is not anxious about those at home when he tarries anywhere abroad: for all her household are clothed.” The Amplified Bible says, “She fears not the snow for her family, for all her household are doubly clothed in scarlet.”

Story of my mother making all our clothes. I never knew we were poor. Best dressed kid at school.

In other words, she assists the husband by helping with the children; it is not her duty alone. The husband's duty is to manage the household, but the wife's duty is to help him. She is not to replace him, but she is to help him. And here we have a woman who's so committed, so dedicated, that she wakes up early before everyone else to make sure that all the bases are covered. She thinks things through and have things in place and in order.

Now, why does God ask the woman to prioritize the household? Because one of her duties is to raise the next generation of godly seed. Know this--the enemy of our souls wants your children. He is trying to infiltrate their minds, their lives in any way he can. And if you have to leave the house so much that you cannot assist your husband in a significant way, as a parent and guardian, a watchman over the children, then you're not fulfilling what God has told you to do. Know this is extremely important. It is a matter of their eternal destiny! It is not a light thing! You are called and anointed to raise your own offspring!

That's why the aged women, Titus 2:4-5 "...teach the young women to be sober, to be lovers of their husbands, to be lovers of their children, to be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.”

Titus 2:4-5 Amp “So that they will wisely train the young women to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children. To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kind-hearted), adapting and
subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).”

Story--of someone else trying to discipline my child.
Story--Reading Wind in the Willows--even as adults, they still love to hear this read. I wouldn’t forfeit this to someone else for the money in the world! That’s MY place!!

That’s why "...the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house," 1 Timothy 5:14.

Women, wives, you are the one anointed by God to be the wife to YOUR HUSBAND, AND MOTHER TO YOUR KIDS!! No one else should have the privilege to do this!

Never let the outside pull of the world keep you from being a dynamic, anointed wife and mother to your husband and your children. Never let the schedule outside dictate the schedule inside. She also helps him personally.

**Help him Personally**

Proverbs 31:17, Amp “She girds herself with strength (spiritual, mental, and physical fitness for her God-given task) and makes her arms strong and firm.”

Proverbs 31:22, “She makes for her husband clothes of double texture, and garments for herself of fine linen and scarlet.”

This woman is looking good! She takes care of herself. A little sidebar here--she takes care of herself in every way--she gets her physical check ups--she does her best to keep her body looking sharp! She keeps herself mentally in top notch! She knows what’s happening. And most importantly of all, she is spiritually fit--that means her personal relationship with the Lord is up-to-date. She’s careful of getting alone with the Lord for herself and for her family. We're not talking about some haggard, sloppy, out of style, constantly negative and depressed woman here. This man is excited to go to his home.

This woman also helps him ministerially:
Help Him Ministerially

Proverbs 31:20 Amp, “She opens her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her filled hands to the needy (whether in body, mind, or spirit).”

Proverbs 31:26 Amp, “She opens her mouth in skillful and godly Wisdom, and on her tongue is the law of kindness (giving counsel and instruction).

She's watching out for the poor and counseling and encouraging others. So she's come alongside his ministry, whatever that may be, she's a partner with him, sharing her wisdom with others. She doesn't have time to gossip, she's spending too much time devoted to her husband. She doesn't have time to spend all day in front of a soap opera, because she has a man that she has to make look good. And how good is this man?

Proverbs 31:11 Amp, “The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently and relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of honest gain or need of dishonest spoil.”

Proverbs 31:23 Amp, “Her husband is known in the city’s gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.”

Everybody knows who this man is because of this woman. Why? Because his lady made certain it was that way. Other people know him because she makes him look good. Now, I know what you're saying. “What about me?! I don't always want to be in the background! I don't always want to be hidden! I don't always want to be making some man look good! I want to look good! I want people to talk about me!”

Well, if you seek recognition, this is the way it should happen:

Proverbs 31:28 Amp, “Her children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and her husband boasts of and praises her.”

Proverbs 31:28 “And her kindness to them sets up her children for them, and they grow rich, and her husband praises her.”
The husband should and does praise her, and sets that example and teach his children to praise her. He should teach the children well, so they say, “Thank you, Mom, that on freezing, snowy days I’m warm. Thank you, Mom, that on these winter days I have hot, delicious food.”

When you have a woman like this, you should speak well of her all throughout the whole day. Husbands, you should say, “Thank you. Can't live without you. I can’t imagine my life without you. I need you. I enjoy you.”

The people you meet should know how good your wife is. Go public with this woman, brag about her and don't keep her in the background! There's no secret, hidden agenda here. You husbands who have such awesome wives, need to learn to boast of her. The wife is to make her husband look good, and the husband is to take his wife public with him.

**Submit to your Man**
The last thing a woman must do is reverence her husband. **Ephesians 5:33**, "Nevertheless, let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband."

Ephesians 5:22-24 (AMP) 22 Wives, be subject [a]to your own husbands, as [a service] to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as Christ is head of the church, Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives should be subject to their husbands in everything [respecting both their position as protector and their responsibility to God as head of the house].

The word “submission” is a good word, but because people have defined it wrongly, you look at it and say, “Oh, not that word!” Why is it a good word? Because Jesus submitted Himself to the will of the Father.

**First of all, submission has nothing to do with equality. Submission has to do with accomplishing God's purpose.** Jesus submitted to the Father in order to accomplish salvation.
He did it for His Father's purpose, never questioning whether it was "fair" or not. It had nothing to do with whether they were equal.

1 Peter 3:7 says a husband and wife are “joint heirs,” and therefore equal and are to be treated as equals. To submit to your husband does not mean that you are a door mat. It doesn't mean that you are to be abused, degraded, treated as less than, beaten on, or any such thing. You are equal to any man in the eyes of God. But when it comes to His, God’s purpose for you, submission is absolutely necessary to your own husband.

To submit to your husband does not mean you must agree with him on everything, yet it does mean you recognize his position as head of the household to accomplish God's purposes as it relates to the family.

You may say, “I can't submit to that man. Preposterous!” You may not agree with everything Mr. Smith at your work tells you, but you submit. If you're in court you may not like what the judge thinks, but you submit. We see that these examples do not have to do with submitting to a man, but submitting to a position. Know this--there is an anointing and authority that comes with each position in God’s divine order. God has called your husband to a position. His position is head over the household. That's not as a dictator and it's not as "boss man." The job of the head is to give direction to the body. The duty of the wife is to willingly place all of her strengths under the authority of the husband to follow him as he follows Christ. That's why it says (and here's some good news for you ladies) at:

Ephesians 5:22, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord."

You are never to disobey the Lord in order to follow your husband, because your greater allegiance is to the Lord. Ananias and Saphria are an example of this.
But if this man is trying to serve the Lord, don't work against him. He may not be doing it right, or perfectly, but if the man is trying to please the Lord, don't work against him. Why? Because he needs a helper, not a hurter. He needs assistance, not a hindrance. He doesn’t need someone constantly correcting him, making fun of his efforts and not gladly joining him in his attempts at serving the Lord—example—praying with you and the kids, etc. He needs somebody to come alongside and smooth all those rough edges, so every woman should say to her husband, beginning today, “You are my leader. God has put you as head of the household. I am going to honor you as head of the household. I am going to follow you as head of the household. I’ll only ask you, Husband, for this one request. Don't lead me away from Jesus, because if you lead me away from Him, I’m going to have to resist you and go with my first love. I don't want to have to do this to you and go with my first love, so you follow my first love so I can follow both of you.”

That's the idea! That he follow Christ and you follow him. But ladies, he needs to hear that from you. He needs to hear that you are going to honor and reverence his position as head of the household. If you can submit to a boss you don't like, then you can submit to a husband you don't like. Because it's not about liking the husband, it's about obeying the Lord. A lot of women say, “I can't submit!” Well, how do you know? You've never tried! “I can't follow!” How do you know?! He told you one thing that was wrong and now you won't listen to anything.

Husbands are called to lead. Let them. If they are not or will not, lay them down at the feet of Jesus and say I give them to you, Lord. You deal with them.

Many women have never told their husband that they are willing to come under his authority, as he follows Christ, to lead the household and motivate him to follow Christ. This puts the pressure on them to seek the face of the Lord to get it right, so that he, as the husband, feels the weightiness of his call before the Lord. Rather, many women work against him by fussing at him, griping at him, and complaining that he never does anything right. It's like after he gets beaten up outside the
household all day long, now he's got to come home to be beaten up some more. He ought to come home to somebody that will love him, hug him, caress him, affirm him, strengthen him, dignify him, honor him and to a woman who's going to recognize that he may not be a big somebody out there, but "he's somebody in this house, and I'm going to make sure he's somebody!"

If your attitude is, “My husband is no good,” maybe he's no good because nobody's helping him. Maybe that's why. Maybe God gave you to him to fix up and work on and encourage him in the rough areas and you never got the memo on this concept.

That's what headship is. Jesus submitted to the Father, the husband submits to Jesus, the wife submits to the husband using all her gifts and strengths for the betterment of the household.

A wife who does not submit herself to her husband has not submitted to God, so don't tell anyone how spiritual you are. You can "go to church" every week, but if your husband does not know that you recognize his position as head, then you are a carnal woman. You can read your Bible every day, faithfully have devotions, go to Bible study every Wednesdays, and still be out of the will of God if you don't honor your husband.

For some wives, their husband may not know how to be a good husband because he was not raised with a good father; has perhaps never seen a godly husband. Not knowing what a godly husband is, he will therefore have to learn. It may take some time, and these wives may have to humble themselves and say, “Father. I have sinned in this area. I have not been a gracious helper, I've been a cruel, mean hurter. I confess that I've sinned, and today I'm going to tell my husband that he now has a helper. Someone who's going to work with him, not against him. Someone who's going to support him, not crucify him.

So, what are you to do?

1 Peter 3:1-6 (AMP) 3 In the same way, you wives, be [a]submissive to your own husbands [subordinate, not as inferior, but out of respect for the responsibilities entrusted to husbands and their accountability
to God, and so partnering with them] so that even if some do not obey the word [of God], they may be won over [to Christ] without discussion by the godly lives of their wives, 2 when they see your modest and respectful behavior [together with your devotion and appreciation—love your husband, encourage him, and enjoy him as a blessing from God]. 3 Your adornment must not be merely external—with interweaving and elaborate knotting of the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or [being superficially preoccupied with] dressing in expensive clothes; 4 but let it be [the inner beauty of] the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, [one that is calm and self-controlled, not overanxious, but serene and spiritually mature] which is very precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands and adapting themselves to them; 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham [following him and having regard for him as head of their house], calling him lord. And you have become her daughters if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear [that is, being respectful toward your husband but not giving in to intimidation, nor allowing yourself to be led into sin, nor to be harmed].

Ungodly Husbands
1 Peter 3:1, "In like manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands (subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them), so that even if any do not obey the Word of God, they may be won over not by discussion but by the godly wives of their wives."

The Scripture now raises a question about women who's husbands have are not serving the Lord. The word of the world says, “Girl, You don't need him...leave! You don't have to live like that! Walk out!”

That's not what Scripture says. Who will you choose to believe? Are you going to believe your so called "friends," or are you going to believe the Word of God? And that's the problem. There are too many women giving ear to too many wrong voices such as TV talk shows,
magazine articles, things posted on FaceBook, disgruntled spiritually no where friends.

God says if your husband is not a godly man yet, he can still be won without a word, by the behavior of the wife! He didn’t place you as your husband’s spiritual counselor. He didn’t call you to preach to him. He didn't call you to be his nag. The way a messed up husband is won is not by the preaching skill of his wife. An unsaved husband is not won by the wife putting him on a constant guilt trip, or by rehearsing all the things that are wrong, or living your life in a down and depressive life style, making your walk with God look like a sentence for the rest of your life in a monastery in Siberia without any heat!

If you've noticed, the more you try to change him with your voice, the worse he gets. And you know why? Because you’re dealing with the one thing that no man will compromise on, and that's his ego. A man will let you pick and twist with a lot, but what he will not let you mess with is his ego. Men have fought and killed since the beginning of time for their ego!

So what does the Lord want you to do when it comes to dealing with the husband's ego? He wants you to get out of the way so He can chastise him. God says be like Jesus in the same way. Now what was Jesus like?

1 Peter 2:22-23, "He, (Jesus), was guilty of no sin, neither was deceit (guile) every found on His lips. When He was reviled and insulted, He did not revile or offer insult in return; (when) He was abused and suffered, He made no threats (of vengeance); but He trusted (Himself and everything to Him Who judges fairly."

Jesus didn't threaten, He didn't say, “Oh, so you're going to be like that?! Well, I'll get even with you! Two can play at this game!” Jesus didn't manipulate with His voice, and He didn't manipulate with tears. He did His Father's will and God made it work.

Have you tried God's way to change your husband, or have you been fussing and complaining and sucking on a feel sorry for me sucker and controlled by regret for 15 years? Because if you've been miserable within yourself and around your man
for 15 years, you've been asking God **not** to change him, that you'll take care of it **yourself**.

You should make your husband stare at you and wonder, “What's gotten into you?” when you ask your husband, **“What can I do for you today?”** When he comes home and he sees this haggard, burned-out, no-makeup looking wife, teary and a Negative Nancy who looked good for Mr. Jones all day and was as sweet as pie around the boss, and now he's got to hear, “Yea, I'm tired. What do you want to eat?! I bought some milk, there's some cereal, (which probably is really old and soggy), go get it yourself.” No, it should be more like, “Honey, what can I cook for you today? What would you like to eat? How can I take care of you? How can I look good for you?” And he's supposed to stare and say, “Huh?”

**Shock him with your help and your submission. Make him stare.** Make him wonder where did this turn around come from? Make him say, “Wow, I like this.” Now, you're probably saying, “You don't know my husband. He's going to take advantage of that.” God says, **“You leave that to me.” He's asking you to trust in Him.** As your husbands observe your chaste, holy and respectful behavior, they may be won.

Is anything too hard for God? Do your part!! Obey His word by your obedience to it and your faith in Him. Stop the negativity!! Fast negativity in every way--your words, your actions and your thoughts. In fact, do the very opposite!! Speak life! Speak encouragement!! Shock the life right out of him!!

**1 Peter 3:3-4**, "Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; **But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.**"

Women spend a lot of time making themselves look good on the outside, but God says, that more importantly, make yourself good on the inside. There’s no point in looking beautiful on the outside if you're ugly on the inside. So be beautiful on the inside!
Language is Important

In Genesis 24, Rebekah was able to meet God's divine appointment for her life (marriage) because she was faithfully carrying out her current obligations. She had a ready willingness to serve others. Story of Eliazer finding a bride for Isaac and Rebekah, watering his camels. These qualities put her in the right place at the right time with the right attitude when God intended to match her with Isaac. Isaac's servant asked for some water from her, "And she said, Drink, my lord..." Genesis 24:18. She reverenced a stranger, and God used that stranger to bring Rebekah and Isaac in marriage.

Here's another example:

1 Peter 3:6, "Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord."
Sara reverenced her husband. How do you know? Because of how she talked to him. She said, “lord.” Now I’m not advocating that needs to be done today, but a concept I want you to get. In that day though, it was a word of respect, showing your honor to your husband.

In Genesis 18:12, she calls Abraham, “lord.” God told her that in one year from now, she's going to get pregnant, "...Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also?" Genesis 18:12. What's the point? Sara was in an impossible situation, being 90 years old, her husband 100, no pregnancy seeming to ever be able to come, but she called him lord. And when God saw her reverence, her respect for Abraham, Abraham could do things he couldn't do before, and Sara got pregnant!

When she called him lord, God did something to him. If you reverence your husband, God can make him do things he can't do otherwise. God can turn his attitude in the total opposite direction and his life totally transformed and turned around, if you do your part; if you get out of the way so God can dispense His loving chastisement and Grace.

So reverence your husband; lift him up, embellish him, serve him, while he in return, as we taught about the husbands, he does the same for you and both as before God, making and creating the three-fold cord which will not easily be broken.