

## FAMILY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, PART 1: WIVES Colossians 3:18, Genesis 2, Ephesians 5, 1 Peter 3

The job has been given to me to do. Therefore, it is a gift.

Therefore, it is a privilege. Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God. Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way. In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.

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### 1. Colossians 3:18, Genesis 2 - **Where does marriage come from?**

- The authority of God

- The provision of God

- The response of man

## 2. Colossians 3:18, Ephesians 5, 1 Peter 3 - What is the wife's calling?

- The call to help
- The call to humility
- The call to holiness

## 3. Colossians 3:18 - Why should we live like this?

- Our response as worship
- Our response as a witness

## Family Application Questions

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1. Why does it matter that God is the one who designed marriage and the roles that are present within marriage? How does our view of God impact our view of marriage and how we approach our marriages?
2. Many people will make the argument that roles within marriage are a result of the fall. Some suggest that for believers in Christ since there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, male or female, that specific marriage roles have also been done away with. Read Genesis 2 and Ephesians 5. How does understanding the context of these passages help us answer these difficult questions?
3. **Husbands**, how can you practically apply what we studied during the sermon this week? How can you pray for your wife in light of these things? How does understanding her role help you to function with care and understanding as a husband? Where does she do well, and how can you actively encourage her in those areas where she excels?

4. **Wives**, if someone were to observe your life from an outsider perspective, would they characterize you as a loving helper? As one who humbly and graciously submits to authority? As one who is more concerned with personal holiness rather than physical adornment? Are there shortcomings that you need to seek forgiveness in? Are there areas where it might be helpful to have a godly woman who can encourage you and help to keep you accountable to these things? Some of you might be in circumstances that make submission and humility very difficult.
  
5. **For those who are not married**, how do we think through and apply a text like this? Are there areas in your life that you can begin to develop even now in preparation for marriage in the future should God lead you that way? How can you be specifically praying for marriages in your family or in your church?