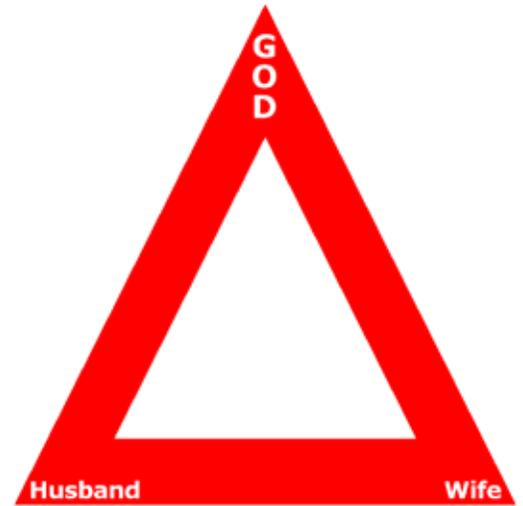


“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the Grace of Life; that your prayers be not hindered.” 1 Peter 3:7 KJV

If you are not a believer, this muse is not for you. In our text, it would seem the apostle infers women are weaker than men, but if you think so, then you have missed one very important word, AS. The word AS gives definition to the phrase “giving honour.” To honor the weak requires tenderness, kindness, understanding, and love. Much the same way we would deal with a newborn baby. Though they may be the heir apparent, a King’s children are tutored, corrected, pampered, and treated with respect and honor. Though they may be petulant and abusive, any ill manners they may exhibit are tenderly and lovingly corrected with kind words and wise instruction. The best teachers are those whose students love them. It is most often reciprocated love, meaning, the teacher must first love the student in a way that the student can perceive. It is then that the words of the instructor carry weight and meaning for the pupil. It is so with our heavenly Father. “We love Him, because He first loved us.” Obedience out of love is far more willing than obedience out of fear and duty. If a husband first loves and honors his wife with tenderness and kindness, then she will follow him to the ends of the earth. Men are not the BOSS of wives, but rather their provider, caretaker, and protectors. This includes enduring any and all abuse or lack of knowledge with patience and love. It is the man’s responsibility to God to wisely teach his household. “And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.” If you do not love God first, you cannot love and honor your wife in the way which you are instructed to as a husband. “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it.” Christ gave His life for the Church! As husbands, our life is not our own, but is to be totally committed to the well-being of our wife and children, up to and including its sacrifice if need be. This is the measure of a real man!



A husband is responsible,
To work out the impossible,
The which he can most surely do,
If he will to Christ stay true! ~CGP

I speak to husbands, but let me interject this for the wives: if you abuse the man God has given you, God will hold you responsible and you will reap what you sow! To work, a marriage must be a love triangle with God at the peak of the relationship. The closer both draw to God the closer they are to each other. Without God, there is nothing in the relationship but passion and lust, for “God is Love” and without His guidance and presence, the relationship may last, but there will be no true joy or love. Husbands, if your wife is obstinate and disrespectful, you may need to draw closer to God for you cannot truly love her without the Love of God in your heart. It is Christ we must emulate to our household, if we are to fulfill our responsibilities towards them.

*“But God commendeth His Love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”
Romans 5:8 KJV*