

Woman Questions Series

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Introduction:

This series addresses specific questions pertaining to Christian women. These are supposed to be minor issues but have been majored on by some religious folks, thereby causing unnecessary controversies. These issues mostly deal with human appearance, and dressing.

Can a Christian lady dress good? Or was she forbidden from dressing well?

Can she dress in gold and ornaments?

Can we wear a pant / trouser?

Must she cover her head in the church?

Can she teach in the church?

Gender Equality issue.

All these were addressed one per chapter in this series. I am so sure you will be blessed by them.

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If you have any question or concern about your Spiritual growth that you want to discuss with me, please send me an email in the address below.

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Alright. Join me in taking this adventurous journey into deeper look into the woman issues.

Yours faithfully in His service,

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Woman Questions Series. Part 1

(Is God moved by your physicality?)

This series is meant to examine some specific issues as related to women from the Biblical perspective. The religious world has misinterpreted some of these issues and are perpetrating a lot of doctrines on these regards.

Part 1: The Overview: Is God moved by your physicality?

In part 1, I will be giving an overview of the whole woman question, most parts of the Woman question is about physicality: how a woman should dress or not dress and whether she should put a covering on her hair or not. None of this touches human spirit or even soul. So we are going to examine God and physicality, because once you can understand God's true nature correctly, it can answer a lot of questions.

GOD IS A SPIRIT AND HIS WORSHIP MUST BE SPIRITUAL.

Before Jesus came, the Israelites were performing their worship with a lot of physicality. The Old Covenant was very physical in nature.

- they performed physical animal sacrifices, had to worship in a specific physical place,
- they had to face a particular direction when praying.
- the presence of the Lord was represented by a physical ark of covenant.
- there were clear specific details on the type of food they can eat and cannot,
- there were clean and unclean animals, you must not even eat with unclean hands.
- the priests, prophets, kings, must be dressed in some specific ways, etc.

Everything was physical to the core. All this physicality tended to DISTORT the true image of God and portrayed God as "physical God" who was so interested in man's physicality.

However, when Jesus came, He had to put many things right and dissociated Himself from some of those practices, He even told them at a time "In the beginning, it was not so. Moses allowed you to do that, because of the hardness of your heart." In fact, we read later that the law was given and mediated by Angels.

This accounted for how many things were not consistent with the true nature of God. (I am going to share a message on "Why the Law?" sometimes later God willing and this will answer some questions.) No wonder God had to send His Own Son – Jesus Christ– God in human flesh, to show us His ACCURATE nature, who He really is.

Jesus, when on earth said “If you have seen Me, you have seen the Father. I and the Father are one.” Hebrews 1:3 also says “Jesus is the exact representation of His image.”

So, we want to examine the words of Jesus with related to the topic of physicality:

John 4:23, 24

“But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is a Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.” – JESUS.

Jesus made the statements above when dealing with one of the old testament physicality: going to a particular place to worship. He was talking with a woman who was arguing for the physicality about where to worship. To the woman’s surprise, Jesus said: **GOD IS A SPIRIT. AND HE IS LOOKING FOR THOSE WHO WILL WORSHIP HIM IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH.** This completely negates all she had believed about God all her life. This is one of the biggest shifts in the New Testament.

Let us consider yet another statement of Jesus in dealing with physicality

Matthew 15:10-13

“After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11"It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My Heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted"”

First, let us discuss the end of that story. Jesus made a big astounding statement denouncing physicality, His disciples told Him that Pharisees were offended by this statement, Jesus did NOT say “Okay, let us try to balance this up, so that everybody is happy”, Jesus followed up by another statement which showed the weight of the first statement, He said **“Every Tree which my Father had not planted shall be uprooted”**

What was Jesus saying? The physicality which has been taught them about God, the food that you must and not eat, the way to dress and not dress, the place to worship and not to worship, the type of animal to sacrifice, etc, all the physicality did NOT originate from the Father, and Jesus said they must be uprooted. It did not matter who was offended. Jesus emphatic words: **WHAT GOES INTO A MAN DOES NOT DEFILE. ONLY WHAT COMES OUT**

MATTERS. Because what goes into a man, what man wears, and other physicality has something to do with the body only, but have no spiritual values.

Unfortunately, today, some believers refuse to believe. They refuse to move on from physicality to spirituality. They still prefer to tie God down to what you eat, what you wear, where you worship. They reject the word of Jesus when He denounced physicality and elevated God' true nature: Spirituality. These believers still regard men after the flesh.

Prophet Samuel's Revelation of the Lord:

"But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Wow, what a revelation. God does not look at the appearance, man does. We dress for man, not for God. It does not matter to God whether you pray to Him in your pajama or in the most beautiful dress decked with the fanciest gold. He does not see either, He only sees the heart – the spiritual condition of the worshiper.

Do you get this? Because once you get this, that settles most of the questions about women. God does NOT recognize the appearance; He only recognizes the heart. How can you impress Him with what He would not see? Why are you so bothered with what means nothing to Him?

Apostle Paul to the Colossians 2:20-23

"20 Since you died with Christ to the elemental spiritual forces of this world, why, as though you still belonged to the world, do you submit to its rules: 21 "Do not handle! Do not taste! Do not touch!"? 22 These rules, which have to do with things that are all destined to perish with use, are based on merely human commands and teachings. 23 Such regulations indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their self-imposed worship, their false humility and their harsh treatment of the body, but they lack any value in restraining sensual indulgence."

From these verses, it becomes obvious that:

1. God is a spirit, He does not place emphasis on physicality: what you eat, how you eat it, what you wear, where you worship. He is also looking for people who will worship Him in the spiritual dimension, beyond the physical.

2. What you eat or wear or any other physicality cannot defy anyone, because this simply has no attachment to the spirit or the soul, only the body, and yes they perish with the use. Jewelleries, fancy or non-fancy clothes, trousers, your hair style whether beautiful or ugly will perish over time. They have no attachment to your spirit. God looks beyond how you look; He looks into who you are.

3. God does not recognize the physical appearances. God's value is different from man's value. Man looks at physical things, because man lives in the physical world. God however does not look at the physical, He looks at the core of man, his or her heart. Therefore, He does not recognize any pious look. He is not moved by religious or humble dressing. He is moved by your heart being right with Him. He is moved by His own righteousness which you inherit at Salvation. You can impress man by dressing pious, you cannot impress God. He has nothing to do with it.

4. Believers are not to be ruled by different earthly rules: Do not touch, taste or handle, things that perish with use. All things that perish with use are ours to use and enjoy. We don't become more spiritual by physicality. Self-imposed worship, false humility and harsh treatment of the body do not make anyone more spiritual. We are to live above them as Sons of God.

5. Based on all the above, God has nothing to do with the human rules about how women should dress. In part 2, we are going to examine those misinterpreted verses and we will see that the most important thing is DECENCY. Once your dress meets an average decency definition of your locality, and your personal standard, you are good. However, God has another definition of beauty, it is called beauty of the soul and He wants our sisters to focus on that above the physical beauty. We will examine that in part 2.

**One last thing to consider before I close this chapter is this:
God is Not against Beauty. He Himself is not dirty. He does not look shabby.
His holiness is beautiful:**

Psalm 96:9 "O worship the LORD in the BEAUTY OF HOLINESS: fear before him, all the earth." Also, Psalm 29:2

Isaiah 52:1 "Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean."

Isaiah 61:3 "to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified."

Exodus 28:2 "And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and FOR BEAUTY."

Also, check Revelation for the description of new heaven, new earth, new Jerusalem. The street is made with gold, the gates are made with different precious stones. Even the temple in David's time was to filled with gold and silver.

God is not against beauty, both physical and spiritual. However, He does not want us to exalt outward beauty above the inner beauty. He values the beauty of our inner man and He wants us to value the same.

However, He is not against the beauty of our body. It does not make any difference to Him. He looks at the inner man, and allows man to look at outward appearance and make decision on those.

I hope you are blessed with this first part on the woman question. Leave me a comment and let me know how blessed you are. Remember God is a Spirit and those that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Take your worship beyond physicality, Go spiritual so you can offer acceptable worship to Him. I love you eternally.

WOMAN QUESTIONS Series. Part 2

NICE APPAREL, MAKE UP, JEWELRIES, GOOD HAIRSTYLES?

In part 1, we examined the big shift that took place in the New Testament – the shift from Physicality to Spirituality.

In this part, we are going further to examine some verses which has been misinterpreted by those peddling the doctrines of shabby dressings for Christian ladies. They believe Paul and Peter both said it is wrong for Christian ladies to dress in gold, put on good hair dos, make ups, jewelries, rings, etc. Did Paul and Peter really forbid this? Now, let us discuss the passages in CONTEXT, because most of the misinterpretations occur when verses are isolated and not read in context.

PETER’S MISINTERPRETED PASSAGE in context: 1 Peter 3:1 - 7

“1. Wives, in the same way submit yourselves to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives,

2 when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. 4 Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God’s sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands. 6. like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.”

Did you see the flow of thought from verse 1 through 7?

THESE SETS OF VERSES ARE TALKING ABOUT MARRIAGE – HOW A WIFE SHOULD LIVE WITH HER HUSBAND, AND IN VERSE 7, IT TALKS ABOUT HOW HUSBANDS SHOULD LIVE WITH THEIR WIVES.

Peter was directing wives to SUBMIT themselves to their husbands, not only because it is necessary but also because it is a means of evangelizing the unbelieving husbands who are looking unto their wives to model Christ for them. Then he continued by directing the wives to prioritize spiritual beautification above physical beautification.

He wanted them to focus on the beauty of the inner self – the GENTLE (MEEK) AND QUIET SPIRIT. Then he concluded in verse 5 that the way the holy women of old adorned themselves

is BY SUBMISSION TO THEIR HUSBANDS and in verse 6, gave the example of Sarah, who submitted to her husband, and called him “lord”.

Now, the theme of these verses is for women to SUBMIT themselves to their husbands, that is the message Peter was passing here. Let us connect the theme with what Peter called the inner beauty – MEEK AND QUIET SPIRIT. Can you see the connection? Peter was re-directing women away from mere body beautification and caring for their body into caring for their souls, their inner self. And it was not some strange thing, he was talking in the context of marriage- Your True Beauty in Marriage is NOT physical beauty, but the beauty of being submissive unto your husbands.

Those of us who are married can attest to this. If your wife is very “stubborn” and would not submit to your leadership at any time, do you care for how they dress? In fact, she will look so ugly to you no matter how physically beautiful she is.

FOR MEN, RESPECT/ SUBMISSION IS EQUAL TO LOVE.

Above all “romantic titles” that you can call your husband, he actually feels loved when he knows he is truly leading his home and you are submitting to him in love. Men are made and wired by God to lead. And no matter how beautiful you are as a wife, your beauty means nothing when you don’t respect him by submitting to him.

This is exactly what Peter was addressing here. He was telling the Christian wives.

“Wives, Live a life of submission to your husband, even those who had not believed. Do not think they will be moved by your physical beauty but by your submission to them. That meek and quiet spirit which beautifies your inner self counts to your husband far above your physical beauty in expensive clothes, elaborate hairstyles and jewelries.

Above that, your soul beauty is unfading, unlike physical beauty that fades with time, as you get older. Your husband will keep loving you if your soul remains beautiful, even in the Old age. But if all you have is physical, your husband will soon start admiring other ladies as you grow old and the physical beauty begin to fade.

Therefore take care of your soul and be LEARN SUBMISSION. Take a cue from Sarah, who submitted to Abraham her husband, to the point of calling him “LORD”. Your husband enjoys that title in action more than any other name: sweetie, darling you might call him””

That is exactly the summary / paraphrase of what Peter wrote to the churches. It has NOTHING with saying physical beauty is not important or the use of jewelries, elaborate hair-do’s, expensive cloth, etc. Did you see the meaning in context now? Praise God for context.

Example of Sarah:

As Peter gave a vivid example of what he was talking about, he mentioned Sarah and was very emphatic. Sarah did not stop beautifying her body, she still dressed so beautifully according to the standards of her days. But she prioritized submission to her husband above her physical beauty. This was Peter's message to the wives.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THE PASSAGE.

First of all, the passage above is NOT for all ladies, but for wives. So, if you are not married, it does not apply to you, for you have no husband to submit to. **HOWEVER, AS A MATTER OF WISDOM, IT IS BETTER YOU START LEARNING THIS IMPORTANT BEAUTY TRAIT BEFORE MARRIAGE.** Start declaring God's Word that you have the fruit of the spirit in you – **MEEKNESS AND GENTLENESS**, and that you will submit to your husband when the time comes. And also practice it.

To the wives, one way of submission is even in the area of dressing. If your husband likes a particular dressing style, then dressing for him equals submission in that regard. For instance, I personally don't like hair braiding, especially the local string hair braiding and I told my wife while we were courting. I had the hairdos I like to see on my wife and submission to me means she does those hairdos. I also have other dressing styles that appeal to me and I want to see them on my wife... The same way the Bible says "the church should submit to Christ" the way wives submit to husbands... If Jesus tells us He does not like to see something on us, submission means to not put it on. Glory!!!

Now, let us go to Paul's misinterpreted passage.

PAUL'S MISINTERPRETED PASSAGE in CONTEXT.

1 Timothy 2: 8 – 12.

"8. Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing. 9 Likewise, I want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, 10 but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God. 11 A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. 12 I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet."

First of all, see the parallelism between the Peter's passage and Paul's in context. They are both talking about the wives' submission to their husbands. When Paul was referring to "a woman", he was referring to "a wife", because "Husband is the head of the wife" is the Truth. **NOT EVERY MAN IS THE HEAD OF EVERY WOMAN.** For instance, I am not the head of your

wife. You are not the head of my wife. You are not the head of your mother. You are not the head of your sisters. You are not the head of your female manager. Just to name a few. So, you should understand this in context.

Paul was advocating for good deeds above physical dressing, and in verses 11-12, he was specific that type of good deed. It was submission to their husbands – quiet and meek spirit, as Peter called it.

NOW, WHY IS SUBMISSION SOMETHING TO CULTIVATE FOR WOMEN?

Because it is really hard for anyone to submit. Women were not made with less intelligence than men, but different type of intelligence. They can pretty much do what any man can do. In fact, some of them can do that better. Some of them have developed themselves even better than their husbands. Some have choleric temperament which always want to lead. So, you can see why submission is not that easy.

Hence it has to be specially cultivated by Christian ladies, the wives, for the sake of their home. They must prioritize it above any physical dressing.

Lastly, Paul also mentioned DECENCY, MODESTY AND PROPRIETY

There are a lot of controversy around decency, because it is not an absolute term, it is relative to your background, your environment etc. However, most or all Christians have agreed on decency from the perspective of **PROPER COVERAGE OF YOUR VITAL ORGANS.**

So, I am going to define decent dressing for both man and woman as any cloth and apparel that covers you properly, especially your vital organs. As Christian ladies, do everything to not expose your organs. Don't expose your tops, tight, backs etc in the public. Why? Because it can affect the opposite sex, especially guys. Guys can go crazy when they see your stuffs, and you don't want that to happen as believers. Don't even think brothers in Christ are different. While you want to put on nice stuffs, try and avoid what expose your organs – whatever that means to you, . **THAT IS DECENCY AND MODESTY.**

It also means you cannot judge another person's decency, except when it is **HIGHLY PROVOCATIVE.** Personal exposure, tastes, environments, etc contribute to how people perceive decency. So, no universal scale, again, except highly provocative exposing dresses. And these has nothing to do with makes ups, jewelries, etc... It is more of the type of dress: mini skirts, tights, etc... I will not go beyond this here. Work with the Holy Spirit and your husband (if married) to determine what is decent or not decent.

Lastly, read the passage below about an allegory about God Himself dressed Israel in jewelry, rings etc. Remember God does not do wrong. If it is wrong to wear those things, He would not do the same to the nation of Israel.

Ezekiel 16:8 – 13

“8 “Later I passed by, and when I looked at you and saw that you were old enough for love, I spread the corner of my garment over you and covered your naked body. I gave you my solemn oath and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Sovereign LORD, and you became mine.

9 “I bathed you with water and washed the blood from you and put ointments on you. 10 I clothed you with an embroidered dress and put sandals of fine leather on you. I dressed you in fine linen and covered you with costly garments. 11 I adorned you with jewelry: I put bracelets on your arms and a necklace around your neck, 12 and I put a ring on your nose, earrings on your ears and a beautiful crown on your head. 13 So you were adorned with gold and silver; your clothes were of fine linen and costly fabric and embroidered cloth. Your food was honey, olive oil and the finest flour. You became very beautiful and rose to be a queen.”

Also read Isaiah 61:10

‘I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and AS A BRIDE ADORNS HERSELF WITH HER JEWELS.’

Summary of Chapter 2:

Peter and Paul were not against women dressing good in nice hairstyles, rings, jewelries, expensive dresses, etc. Rather, they emphasized meekness, quietness and submission to their husbands as a more preferred beauty in the context of marriage. Learn submission. Husbands are captivated by a submissive wife than a non-submissive wife who dressed in golds.

However, if you can combine the two, dress fine and beautifully for your husband, and couple it with good character, submission, meek and quiet spirit, you will have a wonderful home. Your husband will adore you so much, you will be his queen, and his heart will not wander. Above his reaction, that is the will of God for you as a wife.

Wives to be can practice submission too. Also, dress decently, whatever that means to you and your husband. Do not expose your vital organs so you don't tempt others to sin.

But be aware that God is not against beauty. He is not against elaborate hairstyles, nice jewelries, fine apparels, etc. Don't go about like a mourner in your dressing. When you appear like that, you are not bringing any glory to God, rather you are driving people far away from God. Because they surely don't want to look shabby like you...

I know you quickly give excuse of inner beauty, but we can't see your inner self. Show beauty both inwardly and outwardly.. And don't give excuse of naturals. Nothing is natural. Even the string (or rubber) you use for loc braids is artificial. All your clothes are artificial. God made all these things for us and they perish with the use. Ignore the hell visitors who tell you everything you wear is demonized. **THEY ARE HIGHLY DELUDED.** Live by God's Word.

Above all, live a life of the Spirit. Spend time to meditate in the Word of God and pray in the Holy Spirit more regularly. Build up yourself in your most holy faith, pray in the Holy Spirit. You are blessed in Christ.

Remember to leave me a comment., Let me know how blessed you are. I love you eternally in Christ!!!

Question and Answer on Woman Question 2.

After reading the comprehensive note "Woman Question 2", a brother asked this question and got this reply.

The brother: Genesis 35:1-4 King James Version (KJV)

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments:

3 And let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went.

4 And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and all their earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shechem.

CAUSE THEY WERE GOING TO APPEAR BEFORE THE LORD, EVEN EAR RINGS AND OTHER JEWELRY WERE CONSIDERED PART OF STRANGE gods TO BE DISCARDED. IN THIS DAYS EVERY BORN AGAIN CHRISTIAN HAS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THEM AND HENCE GODS PRESENCE. IS OUR GOD NOT SAME YESTER AS HE IS TODAY?

My Reply:

Lol... To answer your question, I will simply quote another verse and ask you a similar question, to show the weakness of your argument. Ready?

Exodus 3:5

"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground."

In this passage above, God Himself told Moses to take off his sandals (shoes) when he was standing in God's presence, which is a holy ground.

SO BROTHER, WHY DO YOU WEAR SHOE OR SANDALS SINCE GOD HIMSELF COMMANDED IT SHOULD BE REMOVED BECAUSE MOSES WAS STANDING IN HIS PRESENCE... That means wearing sandals/ shoe must be a sin (following your argument)

In the passage you quoted, God did NOT even ask them to do it, THEY ONLY REMOVED WHAT THEY CONSIDERED HEAVY ON THEM AND WOULD NOT LET THEM FREE IN BOWING DOWN, GOD DID NOT REQUEST IT.

BUT YET GOD REQUESTED SANDALS TO BE PUT AWAY AND YOU ARE STILL WEARING SANDALS BROTHER. WHO IS ACTUALLY DISOBEDIENT AND WHO IS BEING HYPOCRITICAL HERE?

God is the same yesterday today and forever, why are you not burning incense and rams and goats in your worship again, since He asked them to do the same in the Old Testament...

Reflect on those questions. And that simply defeats your argument. And that tells you that the Old Testament was a testament of physicality because it was a shadow, not the reality... But in the New Testament, Jesus came to reveal God's True Nature as Spiritual, and that His worship is only done in spirit and truth.

Epistle of Paul to the Lagosians 3:4 - 6

If Apostle was to write an Epistle to members of a local assembly /church in Yoruba land of those days where culture was very strong, he would have included an instruction like "Women, always kneel down for your husbands, especially if you are praying or you are in church. So your prayers would not be hindered." That instruction would have been in the Epistle of Paul to the Lagosians 3:4 - 6.

Because In Yoruba culture, to show respect, you kneel or bend down as a woman. Or you prostrate as a man. In Yoruba land of those days, most women kneel down for their husband to show respect. **HOWEVER, TO SHOW RESPECT IN OTHER CULTURE DOES NOT NEED KNEELING DOWN.**

And that Pauline instruction above would have been added to the controversial issues in the church today. That would have pre-occupied some believers today. You would hear people quoting Paul and shouting on sisters "WOMEN MUST ALWAYS KNEEL DOWN BEFORE THEIR HUSBAND IN CHURCH, ELSE GOD CAN NOT ANSWER THEIR PRAYERS OR MAY BE THEY WILL NOT EVEN GO TO HEAVEN"...

You would hear the HELL VISITORS, make videos that they went to hell as usual and saw sister A and B who did not kneel down for their husbands in the church last week, that they saw them in hell.

You would see ministry names like "Kneel Down for your husband or fall down and die ministry"

But what was Paul simply saying? In effect, he was saying "Wives, submit to your husbands and be respectful to them." That meant "Kneel down for them" in Yoruba land of those old days. It means something else to different people and different culture today. Do you get this?

But for the people who lack understanding that the Bible was written in context of cultures and prevalent happenings, they see everything as laws,

That is why we still have people debating whether women must cover hair or not in church today.

MAY GOD OPEN OUR EYES TO UNDERSTAND THE SIMPLICITY IN THE GOSPEL, FROM WHICH SOME HAVE BEEN DECIEVED.

WOMAN QUESTIONS SERIES. PART 3.

Trouser/ pants - to wear or not to wear?

In this Woman Questions series, we are examining some common misunderstandings about Christian women.

Most of these misunderstanding are about physicality, a woman's outward appearance. We saw in part 1, the shift from physicality to spirituality in the New Testament. In part 2, we studied the two main misinterpreted verses about jewelries, good hair styles, nice dresses.

In Part 3, we are going to look at the issue of Christian women and trousers. In some Western countries like USA, trousers are called pants, while they are called trousers in some other parts of the world. Some people erroneously believe that a Christian lady should not wear pants/trousers. Does the Bible really say this?

Now, let us examine the misinterpreted verse: Deuteronomy 22:5

"A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord Thy God" (KJV)

#1. The verse made no mention of pants/trousers. The Bible says "anything that pertains unto a man".

There are pants designed for men specifically and pants designed for women's specifically. Hence, trousers/ pants pertain to both men and women. Literarily, it could mean women should wear just women's pants/ trousers and not men's pants/trousers in that context.

#2. Things that pertain to men was referring to more than clothing, it was referring to living a life that emulates or resembles the opposite sex. The Israelites were about to enter the promised land and God was telling them not to practise transvestism like the Pagans in Canaan. That was the context of that verse.

#3. Cloth which pertains to opposite sex is relative to different places in the world. In the Bible days, most men in the middle East dressed in long gowns, the type you see on the Arab/ middle east guys. But gown is for ladies in most other cultures nowadays. So, what is considered male's dress is considered a female dress elsewhere.... SIMPLY, GOD WAS TALKING ABOUT NOT PRACTISING TRANSVESTISM, living like the opposite sex.

#4. Things that pertain unto a man may also mean “A PARTICULAR CLOTH WHICH A MAN WEAR” SHOULD NOT BE PUT ON BY A LADY. For instance, Mr A wears a shirt and took it off. It should not be put on by Ms B. That made sense to the Old Testament of physicality then, so that there won't be undue exchange of body fluid, which was a big deal under the Old Testament.

#5. The specification of what to wear in Deuteronomy was part of the Old Testament physicality to the Israelites. And those physicality no longer apply in the New Testament., because it misrepresented God's true nature who is a Spirit, and He is seeking for who will worship Him in spirit and truth.

So, even the Israelites are no longer under the law of physicality. God has completely removed the Old Testament and replaced it with the New Testament. We are the circumcision, THAT WORSHIPS GOD IN THE SPIRIT AND REJOICE IN CHRIST JESUS. AND HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE FLESH.

#6. MODESTY IS THE GUIDE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. Like we discussed in part 2, modesty should be our guides as believers whether male or female, and we can not set a universal standard for modesty. However, it is mostly agreed upon that ANY CLOTH THAT EXPOSES YOUR VITAL ORGANS ARE GENERALLY CONSIDERED NOT MODEST because it can tempt others to lust.

A lot of trousers/pants DO NOT expose the bodies. On the contrast, and generally speaking, trousers cover woman's body a lot better than skirts. With skirts, you will have to be so careful with how you sit so you dont get exposed. But that is eliminated with women's pants. You are all covered up. So, technically, ladies can be more modest and covered with pants/ trousers than skirt.

I am however aware of slacks, which are so fitting and tight that they expose body as well. However, slacks are both in skirts and pants. If there is any type of dress I will discourage for ladies, it is tights and slacks, because of being too tight and exposing.

Again, we teach each believer to work with the Holy Spirit within and their conscience to determine what and what not to wear.

We are not under human rules of touch not, wear not., smell not, handle not We are constrained by LOVE. There are some clothes you may want to wear outside, but when you think about the negative effect it might have on others, you choose not to wear them. That is being constrained by LOVE, love for others.

As I close this part, I want to encourage you to invest into your Spiritual life and stop being tossed by all sorts of human doctrines of what to eat or not eat, wear or not wear, etc. If you like trousers, wear ladies trousers to the glory of God. Remember God is moved by your inner beauty rather than the outward appearance; modesty is the standard.

Be filled with the Holy Spirit. Be drunk in the Holy Spirit. Devote more time to fellowship with the Holy Spirit than ever. Walk with Him. Fellowship with Him. Enjoy your friendship with Him. And He will guide you and empower you for godliness by the virtue of GOD'S SEED in you. You are deeply loved in Christ and flamboyantly accepted in the Beloved.

Leave me a comment on how blessed you are in this part. I love you eternally in Christ!!!

Woman Question Series. Part 4.

Women and the Head Covering in the Church?

Let us quote the ONLY text that addressed this. Please read this passage SLOWLY and meditatively. It is self explanatory, especially when you read in the CONTEXT of the beginning verses (3-5) where Paul defined who he was referring to. Take note of those capitalized section, as they are the keys.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:3-16

³ But I want you to realize that **THE HEAD OF EVERY MAN IS CHRIST, AND THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS MAN, AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD.** ⁴ Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. ⁵ **BUT EVERY WOMAN WHO PRAYS OR PROPHESES WITH HER HEAD UNCOVERED DISHONORS HER HEAD—it** is the same as having her head shaved. ⁶ For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

⁷ A man 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 did not come from woman, but woman from man; ⁹ neither was man created for woman, but woman for man. ¹⁰ **IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT A WOMAN OUGHT TO HAVE A SIGN OF AUTHORITY OVER HER OWN HEAD, BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS.** ¹¹ Nevertheless, in the Lord woman is not independent of man, nor is man independent of woman. ¹² For as woman came from man, so also man is born of woman. But everything comes from God.

¹³ Judge for yourselves: Is it proper for a woman to pray to God with her head uncovered? ¹⁴ **DOES NOT THE VERY NATURE OF THINGS TEACH YOU THAT IF A MAN HAS LONG HAIR, IT IS A DISGRACE TO HIM,** ¹⁵ **BUT THAT IF A WOMAN HAS LONG HAIR, IT IS HER GLORY? FOR LONG HAIR IS GIVEN TO HER AS A COVERING.** ¹⁶ If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other custom —nor do the churches of God.

Verse 3 holds the key and the definition:

There, Paul clarified what he means when says woman and man. **THE HEAD OF THE WOMAN IS THE MAN.** This means **THE HEAD OF THE WIFE IS HER SPECIFIC HUSBAND.** So this whole passage is talking about **HUSBAND AND WIFE, NOT** about just any man and woman. Every man is **NOT** the head of every woman. Just like you as a man, are not the head of your mom or your sister. **NO. YOU ARE ONLY THE HEAD OF YOUR WIFE IF YOU HAVE ONE.** So this whole passage is about Wife, Husband, Christ, God.

SO, let us read verse 3 contextually

"I would have you know that THE HEAD OF THE HUSBAND IS CHRIST; AND THE HEAD OF THE WIFE IS HER HUSBAND; AND THE HEAD OF CHRIST IS GOD"

Do you see that?

THIS WHOLE PASSAGE IS ABOUT SETTING THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE:

**The Lesson Paul was passing was submission to authorities in this order:
Wife to Husband, Husband to Christ and Christ to God...**

In verse 5, he said "Any woman who prays uncovered dishonored her head"... Who is her head? Her husband..... **So it was not about dishonoring God, but her husband.**

So, the lesson he was passing across was HONOR YOUR HEAD.

Wives, honor your husbands. Submit to their authority.

Husbands, honor Christ. Submit to His authority.

"¹⁰ IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT A WOMAN OUGHT TO HAVE AUTHORITY OVER HER OWN HEAD, BECAUSE OF THE ANGELS.

Verse 10 says it very specifically that "COVERING IS A SIGN OF AUTHORITY FOR A WIFE" It shows she submits to her husband authority.

Because in that CULTURE, married women cover their heads to show they were married... It was a sign of authority of their husbands over them...

*****The Lesson was "SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBAND, ACCORDING TO THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE GOD PLACED IN HOMES"**

***** Cultural Implication: COVER YOUR HEAD TO SHOW YOU HONOR/ SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBAND, AND HAVE A SIGN OF AUTHORITY OVER YOU.**

We are to LEARN THE LESSON, but not the cultural implication. Let's see it from the passage.:

Paul said That was their CUSTOM in verse 16. Read below:

“¹⁶ If anyone wants to be contentious about this, we have no other custom —nor do the churches of God.”

In other word, the churches of God do not have separate custom from the customs of the land, provided they don't contradict the Word of God. So the churches of God in Corinth were implored to follow the cultural expectation of the city.

And by the cultural expectation, WOMEN COVERING THEIR HEADS MEANT SUBMISSION TO THEIR HUSBAND... IT WAS THE SIGN OF AUTHORITY.

By not covering their heads, (in Corinth) they were dishonoring their head, (their husbands) because they not submissive to their husbands.. You get this?

And praying to God while dishonoring their husband is not acceptable... That was why Paul was more emphatic that WE CAN NOT HAVE PEOPLE DISHONORING THEIR HUSBAND AND BE PRAYING OR PROPHECYING IN CHURCH..... You see the connection?

You can't be dishonoring your head in the public and still be praying or prophesying. That was what Paul was warning against.

But why did he mention Angels?

Because the Angels always gather with the Saints to minister to the Saints and would not want to witness such dishonors and disarray in the Body of Christ..... They are highly submissive and orderly and expect better from God's children, so it is improper to allow them to witness a disarray...

That is simply the message.. HONOR YOUR HUSBAND BY SUBMITTING TO HIS AUTHORITY WHICH MEANS COVERING OF HEADS IN THE THAT CULTURE..

BUT COVERING OF HEAD DOES NOT MEAN SUBMITTING TO YOUR HUSBAND IN MANY OTHER CULTURES OF THE WORLD... WE SHOULD GET THE MESSAGE, BUT NOT THE CULTURE...

What Should Women Cover? HEAD OF HAIR?

Read again. PAUL NEVER SAID "COVER YOUR HAIR" NO. HE SAID "WOMEN COVER YOUR HEAD" It was about COVERING THEIR HEADS, NOT THEIR HAIRS...

In verses 14-15,

" Does not the very NATURE of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him, 15 but that if a woman has long hair, it is her glory? FOR LONG HAIR IS GIVEN HER AS A COVERING"

Paul was simply giving them the NATURAL means of covering their heads, which is by using their long hair... Long hair was actually given to cover their hairs.

So for the wives in that culture, THEY COULD USE THEIR LONG HAIR AS A COVERING FOR THE HEAD OR THEY COULD VEIL.

IT WAS THE HEAD THAT NEEDED TO BE COVERED, NOT HAIR... WOMEN'S LONG HAIR WAS ACTUALLY GIVEN TO THEM AS A COVERING OVER THEIR HEAD (SCALP).

AND PAUL COMPARED A WOMAN WITH SHORT HAIR OR SHAVED TO UNCOVERED (Verses 5-6).

SO THEY COULD COVER THEIR HEADS BY VEIL (CLOTH) OR BY THEIR LONG HAIR (in that culture).

REMEMBER, ALL THESE ARE STILL IN THE CULTURAL CONTEXT.

The real lesson that is applicable in every culture is that wives should submit to their own husband, to his authority, thereby honoring their husband. And husband should submit to Christ their head over the family matters.

Whatever it means in your culture, do it...

Whatever it means in your home, do it...

What is it that honors your husband, what does he like? When you do it is when you submit to him, and you have a sign of authority over your head.

In fact, I discover that EACH HUSBAND HAS WHAT DISHONORS HIM, WHAT HONORS MR A MAY BE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HONORS MR B.

SO LEARN FROM YOUR HUSBAND HOW TO HONOR HIM AND DO IT... IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH COVERING OF HEAD BUT SUBMITTING TO THE AUTHORITY STRUCTURE GOD SET AT HOME – WIVES SUBMITTING TO THEIR HUSBANDS.

Woman Question Part 5.

(Women and leadership in the church)

This is another controversial topic in churches. Many people believe Paul forbid woman from teaching in church. Now, let us take a look at the verses in questions.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:34-36

34 Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

35 And if they will learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

36 What? came the word of God out from you? or came into unto you only?

Also 1 TIMOTHY 2:11-15

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.

Again, when you read these texts, we need to understand “which woman and man” was Paul talking about? He said “let them ask their husbands at home”, so obviously Paul was talking about wives and husband’s relationship here.

First, Paul wanted a couple’s harmony in the church, especially about learning something.

In Corinthians, he talked about “Let them ask their husbands from at home” And from 2 Tim 2:12, He said “They should not usurp authority over men, that is, they should NOT usurp authority over THEIR HUSBAND.”

There should be a joint front. If they had to make decisions, let them do it at home. If there is a question, let the wife ask her husband at home, and the husband can figure it out or ask the elders. SO, IN CONTRAST, HE WANTED A UNITED FRONT FOR COUPLES IN THE CHURCH. HE DID NOT WANT A WIFE TO BE ARGUING OVER HER HUSBAND IN THE CHURCH.

Second, Paul could NOT have meant that women could not speak/ teach in a Christian gathering because that would contradict his earlier teaching on women covering.

1 CORINTHIANS 11:5

“ But every woman that prayeth or prophesieth with her head uncovered, dishonoureth her head: for that is even all one as if she were shaven.”

Paul who said a wife / woman can pray or prophesy in the church in the earlier chapter cannot say she cannot speak in the church. To prophesy is to SPEAK FORTH God’s Word. And she can do that in the church, that is why Paul said she must cover head with long hair or veil, as a sign of submission to the authority of her husband. He even said she can pray in the church. So, definitely, Paul did not mean woman cannot speak in the church.

Third, Paul insisted the WIVES should learn at home. That implied the husbands were in better position to teach at that time, probably because they were more educated. The situation is not the same in our days. Women are exposed to everything men are exposed to, and can actually understand the things of the Spirit better. So she can teach the kids and even husband if needed. FOR INSTANCE, IF SHE GOT BORN AGAIN BEFORE HIM.

However, it is her honor that her husband come up and grow in knowledge, to take his proper place as the leader of the home. She can still teach, but not because she knows better. But her husband can delegate the authority to teach to her.

Fourth, Even though it is rare, women can be ordained in ministry, especially together with her husband. She can teach and disciple together with her husband. We have example of this in the Bible:

Aquila and Priscilla (husband and wife), together taught Apollo the way of the Lord.

Acts 18:26

“He began to speak boldly in the synagogue, but when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, THEY took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.”

When Jesus said, “Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, teaching them...” He was referring to ALL CHILDREN OF GOD, ladies inclusive.

Joel prophesied and it was quoted in Acts 2 “Your SONS AND DAUGHTERS SHALL PROPHECY...”

Fifth, Can a Woman teach or disciple men?

Yes, PRISCILLA together with her husband, taught Apollos, a man.

Sixth, Can women occupy the five fold ministry? – Pastor, Prophet, Teacher, Apostle, Prophet.

We have example of A PROPHETESS (A WOMAN PROPHET) IN THE BIBLE. ANNA in the Gospel was called A PROPHETESS.

We have seen Teacher.

Tradition and Church Beliefs Down the Year:

I will say down the year, we have not had many female pastors, apostles, prophets etc.

This is the same situation in the secular leadership setting.

Even in the West, in the USA for instance, We have not had a woman president.

But we are getting closer.

Because of the tradition of relegating women to the background, some churches are very conservative in ordaining female ministers. But almost all churches have female Sunday School teachers, missionaries.

The same rule applies, if wives / females can teach in the Sunday school, or in the mission field, they can teach in the church.

However, it is better if they do this in conjunction with their husbands if they are married. BUT IT IS NOT A RULE.

Despite the traditional Beliefs and Practices,

We have had women did great works for the Lord.

We have ladies who led great Apostolic moves, example: Kathryn Kuhlman.

People are breaking traditional beliefs these days.

Many churches are now ordaining female preachers, and some of them are doing great.

Many churches have female pastors serving as associate pastors and teachers in the church

Daughters of God, don't bury your passion for the things of God, in the name of "don't teach in the church". Paul also said "You can speak forth God's Word / Prophecy and pray in the church." So, he was not contradicting himself. Joel also said "You will prophesy"

You can be great teachers. If you have great teaching gift, fan it to flame and use it for God's kingdom.

If you are planning to step out BIG to Christian ministry, then it is better to do it with your husband. It validates and gives it much credibility.

You can do great things for God. Refuse to be limited by traditions. Fan your gifts to flame.

CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY

As we have come to the end of this series, here are the overall summary:

- 1. In the New Testament, there is a shift from physicality to spirituality. God is more concern about your heart condition, than your physicality.**
- 2. Dress good. God is not against good dressing. His holiness is beautiful. Heaven's street is made of gold and other precious materials.**
- 3. However, esteem the beauty of the heart, which is HUMILITY and meekness towards your husband, above any outward appearance. GOD VALUES YOUR HEART BEAUTY THAN YOUR PHYSICAL BEAUTY. Don't beautify your body at the expense of your spirit.**
- 4. God is not against woman wearing woman pant. He was against woman wearing things worn by men. And that even in the Old Testament of physicality. So feel free to wear your nice and decent pants.**
- 5. Decency is the main standard in the New Testament. And by decency, it means not wearing any cloth that reveals your vital organs.**
- 6. God wants you to honor your husband, and be submitted to his authority. WHATEVER THAT MEANS FOR YOU AND YOUR HUSBAND. IF HE LIKES A PARTICULAR HAIRSTYLE, DO IT FOR HIM. HONOR HIM BOTH IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE.**
- 7. Remember, Paul said by God's Spirit that you cannot pray or prophesy in the church when you are dishonoring your husband.**
- 8. Lastly, don't kill your passion towards the things of the Kingdom. Grow. Preach. Teach. Disciple others. Do great works. Great commission was to all believers. The Holy Spirit was given to all believers. In Christ, there is no male of female, we are all Sons of God.**
- 9. If you feel called into full time ministry (five fold), pray and do it with your husband. Subject it to him. Pray for him to take his place of authority in your home and ministry.**
- 10. Above all, Live by the Holy Spirit. Live and be powered by God's Grace. You are accepted in the Beloved. Christ is your identity. You have no limitations.**

MAY THE GRACE OF THE LORD BE WITH YOUR SPIRIT. AMEN.

Woman Question Series. Final Section.

"Role of women, men, feminism, gender equality and inequality, etc.."

(Please read patiently to the end for full comprehension)

To be honest, women have not been treated fairly throughout the history. As a response, we have had feminism movements, gender equality, what a man can do, a woman can do better, etc... These movements started from the Western world, but has almost taken over the whole world.

The problem with these movements is that the crusade was not defined in the RIGHT CONTEXT and thus it has taken a toll on families, which has led to a hike in divorce rates in the West and all over the world.

Often, we muddle up the idea of gender equality or inequality, by NOT being able to separate the context.

There are two contexts this topic should be approached. The first context is Woman as a person, an individual, as human being. The second context is Woman as a wife of a man – the Family context.

#1. Looking at the first context, woman is 100% a human being as a man. She has her unique strength and weaknesses, just like man has his unique strength and weaknesses. She is not inferior in anyway.

AS A HUMAN BEING, EVERY MAN IS NOT THE HEAD OF EVERY WOMAN.

For instance, you are not the head of my wife or my mom or my sister.

You as a man, have no authority WHATSOEVER on every woman. That was the slavery mentality where women were downgraded generally in the society for so long and thought of as inferior to men.

Stop looking down or women or girls, thinking they are inferior to you. Many of them are more intelligent and more disciplined than some boys / men. Some of them are even physically stronger than some men and even emotionally.

Several times, I have worked in organizations headed by women and it was awesome. **THEY ARE NOT IN ANY WAY INFERIOR**, and in that **CONTEXT**, **THE BIBLE SAYS**

“SUBMIT YOURSELVES TO ONE ANOTHER”

The Western Feminism crusade supposed to focus on this context of women as humans, where **“we are all equal as human beings”**

but unfortunately, they cannot make a difference. Their crusade is erratically carried over to home context, which I will discuss in a minute.

#2. In the second context, the CONTEXT OF MARRIAGE, God’s context of authority is very clear and unambiguous. HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF HIS WIFE, HE IS THE LEADER OF HIS HOME.

Let me bring in 1 Corinthians 11:8-10 where Paul was discussing the issue of authority at home. He started the chapter by saying

"Man is the head of the woman. Christ is the head of the man."

So, obviously, this chapter was the context of **HOME** and **MARRIAGE** and this is the popular head-covering chapter that was misunderstood by some:

1 CORINTHIANS 11:8-10

"For man did not come from woman but woman from man. Neither was man created for woman but woman for man. For this reason a woman ought to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels"

In the context of a home, God created a **CLEAR** authority structure. **THE MAN IS THE HEAD IN HIS FAMILY.**

In the context of a family, The Wife was made as **HELP MEET** for her own husband. Take note that she is **HELP MEET** - **NOT HELP MATE.**

Help meet means **HELP SUITABLE.** Again, this does not suggest that the wife is weak or inferior, but she simply has a role to play, which is to **SUPPORT HER HUSBAND** - **A HELP SUITABLE.**

That is why she must be careful which kind of husband she will accept, to begin with because she is going to be help suitable for him for the rest of her life.

Man is the authority in his own home, he is the leader in his own home. As a matter of fact, he is wired that way naturally.

In the context of marriage, woman's beauty was highly connected to her submission to her husband. That was the message Peter was passing across in 1 Peter 3:3-5 - talking to wives, he wrote:

"3. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment such as braided hair or gold jewelry or fine clothes, 4but from the inner disposition of your heart, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in God's sight. 5For this is how the holy women of the past adorned themselves. They put their hope in God and were subject to their husbands. 6. like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear."

The rebellion against the natural authority order that God placed in family is the main cause of conflicts and high divorce rates in the West.

I live in the USA, and I know how feminism has destroyed families, including many Christian homes where they also accepted the feminism at home, where a woman wants to become the subject in the name of feminism.

This leads to a lot of conflicts at home, which in turns leads to high divorce rates, and some husbands eventually become de-manized in the attempt to let their wife RULE. They eventually became turned off in their homes and are not able to perform their roles. So they shut down.

That led to many children being raised without a father, even though their fathers were physically there, but has shut down due to the resistance from his wife to lead. This in turn, has led to bad turn outs in the homes that are not divorced.

The solution is for the church and in fact the whole world to return to the natural authority structure at home. Woman's true happiness at home is from being the help meet of her man. She is attached to him. Her marital destiny is embedded in his.

BALANCE - MAN'S ROLE:

Now, let us read the next verse in 1 Peter 3

1 Peter 3:7

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.""

As a leader in any setting, if you are an autocratic leader, you will run a bad government. And your “followers” will not truly follow you.

If you don't love, honor and respect your follower, you will ruin your government.

The joy of a leader is in joyful and happy followership. Jesus said “He that wants to lead, let him be the servant of all”. So, as a leader of your home, you are also a servant. **YOUR LEADERSHIP IS TO SERVE, NOT TO LORD IT OVER YOUR WIFE.**

The role of a man as a leader is NOT to always LORD it over his wife and his children. But to serve them in love. That is why God's instruction to husband is “LOVE YOUR WIFE, AS CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH - SACRIFICIALLY”. And God's instruction to the wife is “SUBMIT TO YOUR HUSBAND”. For there not to be conflict, let everyone paly their roles.

Husbands, **LEAD YOUR HOME WITH LOVE.** Yes, you are the authority, but great leaders are those who build their followers to be good leaders as well. Build your wife for leadership and delegate authorities to her to lead. You are NOT demeaning your leadership because of that, but rather, you are building a strong home. However, let it not be compromised who is the leader. You can't resign into background on serious issues and not take a lead.

Sometimes, you have to make a decision that in **UNPOPULAR** – a decision that you **SOLELY** made by you for the **GOOD OF ALL**. But let this not be all the time. Always make decisions with your wife's opinions being heard and considered.

SOMETIMES, LET HER MAKE THE WHOLE DECISION ON CERTAIN MATTERS. I do that sometimes in my home, when I simply tell her, decide on this and I will accept. And I try to keep my word in that regard. However, to tell you that it is easy to balance this will be a lie, but **CLARITY IN THE ROLE OF HUSBAND AND WIFE IS A MUST IF YOUR HOME WILL NOT CRASH.**

So, as a wife, you might have a lot of professional dreams, and in fact you should. But learn that these must be subject to your husband's visions if you are interested in a peaceful and good home. Many wives who cannot submit to their husbands eventually prefer to live a full professional life where they can pursue their life's vision with no pressure. They choose not to marry. That might be a better option than to ruin a potential good home by your lack of submissiveness.

It has been surveyed, that LOVE MEANS SUBMISSION TO MEN. Men feel loved when they are submitted to. That is the best romance to men. WOMEN FEEL LOVED WHEN YOU ACTUALLY SHOW ACTS OF LOVE AND ROMANCE.

This is not an exhaustive discussion on roles of husband and wife at home but some necessary foundation.

Questions and Answers

Question 1: If a woman has a vision different from her husband, she is to drop it and FOLLOW THE HUSBAND'S?.

Answer:

If a wife's vision does not conflict with her husband's vision, the husband should support it wholeheartedly.

BUT If her vision conflicts with the husband's vision, her vision SHOULD be AMMENDED TO FIT, that is part of the submission.

That is why she should choose the "right husband" to begin with.

Question 2: Who should do their role FIRST? Can a wife submit to her husband who is not loving enough? Or should a man continue to love his wife even when she refuses to submit to him?.

Answer:

EACH PERSON SHOULD PLAY THEIR ROLES WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE OTHER TO PLAY FIRST.....

We have had non-loving-enough husbands but wives submit to them nonetheless and their husbands became converted and love their wives better as a result ...

We have also had non-submissive wives, but the husbands loving ,them nonetheless, and the wives eventually become submissive.

Do your own part and PRAY for the other partner to play theirs.

DON'T WAIT FOR THEM TO PLAY THEIR ROLE BEFORE YOU PLAY YOURS. IT DOES NOT WORK THAT WAY.

I hope this series bless you immensely. Remember to share with others in love.

I love you eternally in Christ.