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Bible Study for Christ's People and Their Marriage Headship and Submission in a Godly Marriage

Food for Thought: Christians lose the greatest relationship on earth and in the kingdom of heaven because of their own unwillingness to follow Christ and realize HE IS THEIR SOURCE!

The Head of Every Man is Christ

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1. When we become Christ's people we essentially surrender our entire lives to Him and He becomes a part of us because we have His Spirit, the <u>Holy Spirit living</u> <u>inside us</u>. 2. If we have Christ's Spirit in us then we have become whole people <u>through Him</u> and the old, selfish person no longer lives in us. 3. The NEW person who needed VALIDATION and LOVE FROM THE WORLD no longer exists. 4. Christ is now HEAD over our lives, in everything. 4. We are now able to be the husband or wife that God has instructed us to be.

The Head of Every Woman is Man

...and the head of the woman is man. (1 Corinthians 11:3)

1. When a man surrenders his life to Christ that man becomes a part of Jesus in the Kingdom of God because that man has Christ's Spirit, the <u>Holy Spirit living inside him</u>. 2. If he has Christ's Spirit in him then he has become a whole person <u>through Christ</u> and the old, selfish person no longer lives in him. 3. The old person who needed VALIDATION and LOVE FROM THE WORLD no longer exists. 4. The new man is now able to LOVE his wife with unconditional love that is only found through Jesus Christ. 4. The man can now cleanse his wife with the word of God, helping them to both spiritually grow together in one flesh in their blessed marriage that is established and designed by God.

This is headship. There is no demanding ruler ship, or controlling behavior, or abuse of any kind. <u>Headship is a developmental servant role</u>, therefore as scripture says, So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that

loveth his wife loveth himself. He nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church. (Ephesians 5: 28-29

HINT: God made (wo)man from a man's rib and therefore a woman's basis for life comes from man. God appointed the man to be the "head of", which means the "source of". Once a man and woman are married the husband is gifted with the position of "headship" and <u>he is commanded to partake in his role as the source and steer the ship to shore.</u> The shore of course, in this analogy is God.

What is a Ship?

A ship is something that takes you from point A to point B; it is a transporter of merchandise and passengers. The head or what is better known as "the captain" is in charge of the development, transport, and movement of the ship.

So using this analogy you can see that the 'head is the source of', while 'ship is the growth and movement of', thus where "head<u>ship</u>" comes from. Let's look at a couple more analogies.

Authorship: The author is the *source*; without the source there would be no book; the author writes the book and the movement of the book through retail channels is the ship, thus it is called *authorship*.

Companionship: The companion is the *source*; without him or her there would be no companion. We become friends with another and the friendship grows and moves forward it is now called a *companionship*.

Leadership: The leader is the *source* of a group of people; without the leader the people would have no direction or foundation to follow. The leader encourages and gives confidence to the group in their tasks to help with the development of the particular tasks they are working on which keeps the business or organization in business. Thus through good leader<u>ship</u> the business booms.

Headship: The head is the source of the wife / marriage; without the head the marriage would not grow and develop in the Lord, which is the source of man. The head encourages and gives confidence to the wife in her role to help with the development and growth of the marriage, which in turn keeps the marriage in good running order, thus both spouses are happy in their roles. This is head<u>ship</u>.

Husbands and wives should strive for this Godly marriage. A good place to start is, <u>How a Husband Should Love His Wife</u> and <u>How a Wife Should Love Her Husband</u>.

See more about submission and headship in these videos

<u>Biblical Headship and Submission</u> <u>Headship and Submission – Save My Marriage</u> <u>What is Wifely Submission?</u>

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