

Ephesians Series

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Grace Should be the Husband's Creed
Ephesians 5:21; 1 Timothy 2:8–12; 1 Peter 2:11–3:6



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Gen. 3:15, The Aspect of the Judgment of Sin for Both the Woman and the Man

General trend of women

Gen. 3:16, “... your desire shall be to control your husband,”

Women trend toward wanting to be the leader

Solution: Submit to the leadership of the husband



General trend of men

“But he shall domineeringly rule over you.” [~RD]

Men trend toward being autocratic, as well as abdicating responsibility

Solution: Love your wife as Christ loved the Church

Both reflect the core arrogant, “me first,” orientation of the sin nature.

The central issue: authority. The authority of God vs. the authority of the creature.

God: If you eat the fruit you will certainly die.

Satan: If you eat the fruit you won't die; you will be like God, like the Creator Himself.

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masc sing nom (verbal)
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[English cognates, crypt, cryptic]**

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ἡσυχίος *hēsuchiaios*

**Adjective masc sing gen
quiet, in the sense of
tranquil, not chaotic, or
uncontrolled; foolish or
unwise**

In wisdom, both men and women are expected to be in control of their words and be silent at times.

Prov. 10:19, “In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, but he who restrains his lips is wise.”

Job 13:5, “Oh, that you would be silent, and it would be your wisdom!”

Prov. 13:3, “He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.”

Prov. 29:11, “A fool vents all his feelings, but a wise man holds them back.”

Prov. 29:20, “Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him.”

Prov. 18:6, “A fool’s lips enter into contention, and his mouth calls for blows.

Prov. 18:7, “A fool’s mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.”

Amos 5:13, “Therefore the prudent keep silent at that time, for it is an evil time.”

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**ὑποτάσσω *hypotassō*
pres mid part fem plur nom
to subject; to submit;
she is submitting *herself*.
Participle of means, she ordered
her life by being submissive to
her own husband.**

1 Pet. 3:6, “as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord [‘sir,’ polite term of respect], whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror.”

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**κατά *kata* Preposition
(+acc) (+acc) according to
a standard; here the
standard is a knowledge
of biblical teaching**

**γνῶσις *gnōsis*
fem sing acc knowledge**

**συνοικέω *sunoikeō*
pres act part masc
plur nom
to live with
participle of means
“by living with
them”**

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**τιμή *timē*
acc fem sing
respect, value,
esteem**

Eph. 5:33, “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects [literally, “fears” i.e., respects] *her* husband.” [NKJV]

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**σκεῦος *skeuos*
acc neut sing
object, thing, a
human body, a
container (jar,
dish), instrument
for doing
something**

**ἀσθενής *asthenēs*
neut sing dat comp
weak; weakness; sick
In the gospels: mostly physical
sickness.
In the epistles: mostly weakness.
What is the meaning here?
Based on the noun it modifies,
physical weakness**

“Joe Biden and *I know that women are as least as strong as men*, we’re stronger for it.”

**~Pres. Barak Hussein Obama, Jan. 4, 2017
Speaking to the Armed Forces Full Honor Review Farewell
Ceremony
(emphasis added)**



- **A number of studies indicate that there are more than 100 physiological differences between male and female human beings, aside from the reproductive ones.**
- **Men are taller, have overall a higher capacity for carrying oxygen through their body; men have longer bones and can develop larger muscles than women; women's ligaments are generally more fragile than men. Though women have a lower, more stable center of gravity, men have a higher ratio of muscle mass to body weight, which means they can run and swim faster, carry more weight.**
- **A study in the *Journal of Applied Physiology* found that men had an average of 26 lbs. (12 kilograms) more skeletal muscle mass than women. Women also exhibited about 40 percent less upper-body strength and 33 percent less lower-body strength, on average, the study found.**

- **Another study in the *JAP*, revealed that men had much stronger grips than women — the difference was so big that 90 percent of the women scored lower than 95 percent of the men. The team also looked at highly trained female athletes who excelled at sports requiring a strong grip, such as judo or handball. Though these women did have a stronger grip compared with other women, they still performed worse than 75 percent of the men on this task.**
- **In general, men are also faster than women. The fastest woman in the world, Florence Griffith Joyner, ran the 100-meter dash in just 10.49 seconds in 1988, and that record remains unbroken. Yet her fastest time wouldn't have even qualified her for the men's 2016 Olympic competition, which requires competitors to finish the 100-meter sprint in 10.16 seconds or less.**

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Conclusion

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

1 Pet. 3:9, “not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”