

Heirs Together of the Grace of Life

Pre-weekend assignment (optional, but useful)

The purpose of these questions is to help identify God's design and intention related to the marriage relationship. It is helpful to recognize upfront how He uses the marriage relationship to transform the characters of both the husband and wife – from walking after the flesh, to walking after the spirit. Your answers will not be collected or reviewed by anyone but yourself, but each attendee is encouraged to spend the approximate 1 hour required to complete the questions and 1 hour to read the articles.

1. **Gen 2:18-25** – How does God describe Adam prior to Eve's formation, and what impact should this have on a husband's view of his wife?

2. (**Gen 2**) – Adam and Eve are created in a marriage relationship. What divine principles related to marriage are described in vv18-25?

3. **Prov 19:14** (&18:22) – What are the implications for a husband, knowing a prudent wife is from God?

4. **Col 3:18-19** – Why do you think Paul encourages husbands to love their wives, but then also cautions them not to be bitter against them?

5. **1 Pet 3:7** – What does Paul mean when he says: 1) husbands should dwell with their wife, according to knowledge, and 2) giving honour unto her as unto the weaker vessel?

6. **Eph 5:21-32** – What are the divine expectations and responsibilities of the husband in a marriage relationship?

7. (Eph 5) What are the divine expectations and responsibilities of the wife in a marriage relationship?

8. (Eph 5) How many times does Paul refer to the relationship between Christ and his bride in these verses outlining the responsibilities of husbands and wives, and what does this teach us about the marriage relationship?

9. (Eph 5) Why do you think Paul makes it a command for husbands to love their wives, when typically all husbands love their wives in a marriage?

10. **Malachi 2:14** – What is the implication regarding the responsibility of the husband toward his wife, when God refers to her as “the wife of thy covenant”?

11. **Titus 2:4** – Why do you think older sisters are instructed to teach younger wives to love their husbands if the wives are naturally so inclined?

12. **1 Tim 2:15**; **5:14**; **Prov 31:27**; **Ps 128:3** – What responsibilities does God identify for a wife in these verses?

13. Identify at least 5 areas of your marriage relationship that have helped advance your personal discipleship.

14. Identify at least 3 areas of your relationship that you feel may be hindering the development of your personal discipleship.

Articles recommended for pre-reading

- 1) Husband and Wife in the LORD – bro Harry Tennant, 1978
- 2) Joint heirs of the grace of life – bro Harry Tennant, 1986
- 3) Husband and Wife – working together in the LORD – bro Andrew Walker, 1999