



Session 2 | Family Structure in the Scripture

"God gave Noah a specific vision and calling: build an ark. The vision was not given to Noah's wife or to his sons; however, they, under his headship, were responsible to follow Noah and be obedient to his call. In their obedience, they were saved (from the destruction that came on the world through the flood)... In this example, we can see the mammoth importance of being obedient to the authority over us, whether men, women, or children."

– Peter Rambo, Sr., *Authority, Headship, and Family Structure (According to Moses)*

What do the Scriptures say?

^{5:22} Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Messiah is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Messiah, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Messiah also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Master does the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Messiah and the church. ³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

^{6:1} Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: ³ "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." ⁴ And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22-6:4)



There is a hierarchy and ranking of authority in the family:

1. The Father
2. Yeshua the Messiah
3. The Husband
4. The Wife

What are the Duties of a Husband and Wife?

Rulership & Management of the Household (Family Vision)

Man: CEO – 1 Timothy 3:4-5

rules his household: *proistemi*

to set or place before; to set over; to be over; to superintend; to preside.

Overseer, shepherd

Not by compulsion; not lords over but by example – 1 Peter 5:2-3

Woman: Manager – 1 Timothy 5:14

manage her home: *despoteo*

to be master (head); to rule, manage the affairs of.

Proverbs 31 woman

Loving

Man is to love his wife, Ephesians 5 – *agapaō*

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Woman is to love her husband and children, Titus 2 -- *phileo*

⁴that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, ⁵to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Teaching (the Torah)

Man – to teach the Torah to his sons (and daughters)

Deuteronomy 4:5-6, 9-10

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Deuteronomy 11:18-21

To teach his wife (see 1 Corinthians 14:35, “And if they want to learn something, let them ask their own husbands at home...”)

Elders (of congregations) were to be “apt” (able) to teach. A man is the elder of his home.

2 Timothy 2:23-26

And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you. Titus 2:15

Woman – to teach her children, as well as other women

2 Timothy 3:14-16

Titus 2:4-5

...when I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also. 2 Timothy 1:5



Not Idle; Hard-working

Man – 1 Timothy 5:8

⁸ But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

Woman – 1 Timothy 5:9-14

⁹ Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, *and not unless* she has been the wife of one man, ¹⁰ well reported for good works: if she has brought up children, if she has lodged strangers, if she has washed the saints' feet, if she has relieved the afflicted, if she has diligently followed every good work.

¹¹ But refuse *the younger widows*; for when they have begun to grow wanton against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹² having condemnation because they have cast off their first faith.

¹³ And besides they learn to be idle, wandering about from house to house, and not only idle but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not. ¹⁴ Therefore I desire that *the younger widows* marry, bear children, manage the house, give no opportunity to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

Faithful – Of High Character

Man –

2 Timothy 2:2

And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

Titus 1:6-8

...appoint elders in every city as I commanded you— ⁶if a man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of dissipation or insubordination. ⁷For a bishop must be blameless, as a steward of God, not self-willed, not quick-tempered, not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, ⁸but hospitable, a lover of what is good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled,

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⁹ holding fast the faithful word as he has been taught, that he may be able, by sound doctrine, both to exhort and convict those who contradict.

1 Timothy 3

This *is* a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. ² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, of good behavior, hospitable, able to teach; ³ not given to wine, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; ⁴ one who rules his own house well, having *his* children in submission with all reverence ⁵ (for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?); ⁶ not a novice, lest being puffed up with pride he fall into the *same* condemnation as the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

⁸ Likewise deacons *must be* reverent, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy for money, ⁹ holding the mystery of the faith with a pure conscience. ¹⁰ But let these also first be tested; then let them serve as deacons, being *found* blameless.

Titus 2:1-2, 6-8

But as for you, speak the things which are proper for sound doctrine: ² that the older men be sober, reverent, temperate, sound in faith, in love, in patience...

6 Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, ⁷ in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸ sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

Woman -

¹¹ Likewise, *their* wives *must be* reverent, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. (1 Timothy 3)

Titus 2:3-8

3 the older women likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not



given to much wine, teachers of good things— 4 that they admonish the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, 5 to be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blasphemed.

Clothed with Humility

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 1 Peter 5:2-3

Compare to verse 5:

Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility...

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. ¹⁹ For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:

²² “Who committed no sin,
Nor was deceit found in His mouth”;

²³ who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously... 1 Peter 2:18-23

⁸ Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; 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.
1 Peter 3:8-9



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Homework:

- Read 1 Peter together as a family. Notice who is to submit to whom?
- What attitudes should fill our home? (humility, compassion, etc.)
- Read Proverbs (one per day) and notice the duties of children. Make a list.