

# To Love the Lord Thy God - Spiritually, part 12 quotes

## 1 The Emotion of Love - in its Sexual Form - Dealing With Problems in Marriages

### Problem #3 - Lack of Proper Marital Government In All Non-Religious Matters

“But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.” 1 Corinthians 11:3.

If there are children in the marriage, the Scriptures declares:

“Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” Colossians 3:20.

At the top of this governmental chain of authority dealing with all non-religious matters is God the Father, who is the Head of Jesus Christ. Next in this chain of authority is Jesus Christ, who is the Head of the husband. Then next in this chain of authority is the husband, who is the head of the wife. And then next in this chain of authority is both the husband and the wife who are the head of their children.

## 2 Why, in all non-religious matters in any marriage, is Christ the head of every man, but not the head of every woman?

“...forasmuch as he (the man) is the image and glory of God: but the woman is of the man. For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man.” 1 Corinthians 11:7-9.

Adam was created first, and then the woman was created out of Adam and for Adam. As Jesus was before all things and thus has the pre-eminence in authority over all later creations, and as Adam was created first before the woman, then in like manner the man has the pre-eminence in authority over the woman in any marriage.

“Unto the woman he said...thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” Genesis 3:16.

The Hebrew word for “rule” used here is “mashal”, which translates and means “to rule, to have dominion, governor, reign, have power” (Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance, word #4910). This means that God’s stated form of government in any marriage is that the husband is to have the power of dominion as a governor to reign, and that he is to bear rule over the wife as her head in all non-religious matters.

“But I suffer not a woman to...usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.” 1 Timothy 2:12-14.

**3** Does this fact of the man being head over the woman give any man the right to mistreat any woman in any area? Not at all!

“Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, even so is the man also by the woman; but all things of God.” 1 Corinthians 11:11-12.

Both men and women stand on an equality with each other because they both need each other in order to have life. So there is no basis in truth for any man or woman to mistreat each other in any area, especially and including in marriage. In fact, depending on how a man treats his mother will be a good indication of how he will treat his wife if married, and how a woman treats her father will also be a good indication of how she will treat her husband if married.

This means that there is no Godly right or granted authority for any man to mistreat any woman — especially his wife.

“Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.” Colossians 3:19.

“Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence”. 1 Corinthians 7:3.

“Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church...Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself.” Ephesians 5:25-29, 33.

**4** If any husband does mistreat or take advantage of his wife in the least degree, then God will not hear his prayers!

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.” 1 Peter 3:7.

**5** There is also no Godly right or granted authority for any woman to mistreat any man — especially her husband.

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord.” Colossians 3:18.

“Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the Saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing....let every...wife see that she reverence her husband.” Ephesians 5:22-24, 33.

“Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well”. 1 Peter 3:1-6.

All wives should submit themselves to be in subjection under the authority of their husband, just as the church is in subjection under the authority of Christ. If any wife refuses to do so, then she would be going against God’s stated will. So instead of rebelling against the rule of your husband, let all wives cultivate a meek and quiet spirit. In this way, instead of tearing down your husband in order to exalt yourself over him contrary to God’s will, you would show that you are reverencing your husband in the position of authority which the Lord gave him over you, and would thus also show that you are trusting in God’s wisdom in this matter and not your own.

If any wife chooses not to follow this form of Godly government and organization in her marriage, but seeks to reverse the chain of authority by ruling over her husband, then she is actually turning her back on God and His word and committing blasphemy!

“...the young women (need) to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children, To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.” Titus 2:4-5.

**6** Does this mean that the wife is to be a silent partner without any say in any of the decisions which are to be made in the marriage and family? Not at all!

The husband and wife are united together as one flesh through marriage. They are bound to each other as equals, and thus each are to be free to express their opinions on any issue. Both husband and wife should do their best to try and see eye to eye on any issue so that there may be peace, harmony and unity between them and in the family. But when there is a disagreement between them on any non-religious issue, and ample time has been given for both to try and see the other's viewpoint and yet no agreement can be obtained, then the Bible allows the final decision to be left with the husband, and his judgment is to rule over his wife's judgment. It will not detract from the dignity of the wife to yield her position on the matter and go along with the judgement of her husband, but instead it will show that she humbly recognizes his authority in the marriage, and she is also showing her submission to follow the Lord's will. But let the husband also recognize that if he does overrule his wife's judgment, and if the decision he then made and led his family to follow turns out to be the wrong decision, then any and all consequences squarely fall and rest upon him!

**7** Why, in all non-religious matters, is the head of any children their father and mother and not Christ?

"Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12.

"Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3.

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother: For they shall be an ornament of grace unto thy head, and chains about thy neck." Proverbs 1:8-9.

"A wise son heareth his father's instruction: but a scorner heareth not rebuke." Proverbs 13:1.

Children to honor, respect and obey their father and mother, and learn lessons of wisdom from their much greater experience. In doing this, they are pleasing God, and He will bless these children with a long life upon the land which He will give them - which will ultimately be eternal life on the new earth.

**8** In rendering loving and submissive obedience to the instructions of their parents, children are also learning to do the same with their heavenly Father! If parents do not teach their children submissive obedience to them, then there is little chance that they will learn to love and obey God, and thus they will be rewarded with death instead of eternal life!

“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness,...proud,...disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection,...Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:28-32.

If children will instead learn to love and obey their parents, then they will also learn to love and obey God, and thus will be rewarded with eternal life instead of death!

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he hath commanded you: Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.” Jeremiah 35:18-19.

**9** As Jesus Christ is to obey God, and every husband is to obey Christ, and every wife is to obey her husband, and every child is to obey their parents, then this reveals this form of government and organization in all non-religious areas to be absolutely perfect, because the Almighty is in control and ruling over all remaining underneath Him! What allows each link in this perfect organizational chain of government to remain in their proper places? True unselfish love! It is only when we choose to rebel against following this perfect form of government and organization in our marriage and break away from this perfect chain of command by allowing self to reign supreme in us, that all kinds of problems will then arise. All these problems arising from self being loved and exalted in us will then work to destroy the harmony and peace in our marriage or family, and then what will be the result?

“He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind”. Proverbs 11:29.