

Types of Wives Identified in Scriptures.

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(5) Ephesians 5:33 Wife

Ephesians 5:33b (NIV)

...and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33b (AMP)

...and the wife [must see to it] that she respects and delights in her husband [that she notices him and prefers him and treats him with loving concern, treasuring him, honoring him, and holding him dear].

Ephesians 5:33b (AMPC)

...and let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband [*that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, venerates, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly*].

Ephesians 5:22-33 (NKJV)

Marriage—Christ and the Church

- ²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.
- ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.
- ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.
- ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ 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 Lord *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 Christ 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**.

Ephesians 5:33

Wife

notices him – pay attention to him.

regards him – consider or think of him in a specified way

honors him – high respect; great esteem for him

prefers him – like him better than another or others

venerates – regard him with great respect; revere

esteems him – respect and admire

defers to him – put off others (and oneself) because of him

praises him – express warm approval and admiration

Loves – 1 Corinthians 13

admires him exceedingly.

Dictionary Definition

Respect - a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements.

Reverence - a feeling or attitude of deep respect tinged with awe; veneration.

Original Language – Greek

Respect - **phobeó**: to put to flight, to terrify, frighten

It's usage - I fear, dread, reverence, am afraid, terrified.

(i) There is a kind of love that attracts this kind of deep respect (reverence) from the Ephesians 5:33 wife.

(ii) -Agape (unconditional love) - Love of God

-Storgi (affection) - love between family

-Philia (friendship) - love between friends

-Eros (eroticism) - love between a couple

John 21:15-17 (NIV)

Jesus Reinstates Peter

- ¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you **love (agape)** me more than these?” “Yes, Lord,” he said, “you know that I **love (phileó)** you.” Jesus said, “Feed my lambs.”
- ¹⁶ Again Jesus said, “Simon son of John, do you **love (agape)** me?” He answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I **love (phileó)** you.” Jesus said, “Take care of my sheep.”
- ¹⁷ The third time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you **love (phileó)** me?” Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, “Do you **love (phileó)** me?” He said, “Lord, you know all things; you know that I **love (phileó)** you.” Jesus said, “Feed my sheep.”

Summarily,

- Agape love from a husband towards his wife is reciprocated by respect and reverence.
- Agape love and respect/reverence are requirements and instructions for excellent marriages.
- Agape love and respect/reverence reflects the mystery of marriage between Christ and the church, Paul was talking about.
- Wives are required to both adapt (submit) and respect/reverence their husbands.

When wives understand the **mystery of respect/reverence towards their husbands**, submission becomes easier.

-Wives must respect/reverence their husbands as their spiritual authority.

(6) Proverbs 19:14 Wife

Proverbs 19:14 (AMPC)

House and riches are the inheritance from fathers,
but a wise, understanding, and prudent wife is from the Lord.

Characteristics

- Wise
- Understanding
- Prudent (foresight, forethought, discretion, etc.).

(7) Proverbs 14:1 Wives

Proverbs 14:1 (AMPC)

Every wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears it down with her own hands.

Wise

- ✓ Fears God (wisdom).
- ✓ Is a builder of self, people and homes.
- ✓ Is established and she establishes.

Therefore, she is creative, courageous, a starter.

- ✓ Is a visionary.

Foolish

- ✓ The Word of God is not priority.
Or does not love God all together. A type of Psalm 14:1.
- ✓ Self destructive.

(8) Proverbs 12:4 “Wives”

Proverbs 12:4 (NIV)

A wife of noble character is her husband's crown, but a disgraceful wife is like decay in his bones.

Proverbs 12:4 (AMP)

A virtuous and excellent wife [worthy of honor] is the crown of her husband, But she who shames him [with her foolishness] is like rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 12:4 (AMPC)

A virtuous and worthy wife [earnest and strong in character] is a crowning joy to her husband, but she who makes him ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 12:4 “Wives”

A Virtuous Wife – Proverbs 31 AMPC

Disgraceful Wife

- ¹¹ The heart of her husband trusts in her confidently *and* relies on and believes in her securely, so that he has no lack of [honest] gain or need of [dishonest] spoil.
- ¹² She comforts, encourages, *and* does him only good as long as there is life within her.
- ²³ Her husband is known in the [city’s] gates, when he sits among the elders of the land.
- ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed (happy, fortunate, and to be envied); and her husband boasts of *and* praises her, [saying],
- ²⁹ Many daughters have done virtuously, nobly, *and* well [with the strength of character that is steadfast in goodness], but you excel them all.

- Is a foolish wife (unwise).
- “Brings shame”, “causes shame”, “does shameful things”, etc.
- Weakens the strength of her husband’s identity (Proverbs 12:4 (TPT) ... But the wife who disgraces her husband weakens the strength of his identity).
- Is like cancer to her husband’s bones; wearing him out slowly but surely.

(9) Teachable Wife

Titus 2:3-5 (AMPC)

³Bid the older women similarly to be reverent *and* devout in their deportment as becomes those engaged in sacred service, not slanderers or slaves to drink. They are to give good **counsel *and* be teachers** of what is right *and* noble, ⁴ So that they will **wisely train the young women** to be sane and sober of mind (temperate, disciplined) and to love their husbands and their children, ⁵ To be self-controlled, chaste, homemakers, good-natured (kindhearted), adapting *and* subordinating themselves to their husbands, that the word of God may not be exposed to reproach (blasphemed or discredited).

1 Timothy 2:11 (AMPC)

Let a woman learn in quietness, in entire submissiveness.

Unveiling the Mysteries of the Proverbs 31.

- Proverbs 31 is a mother's legacy to her son. Which has now become her son's legacy to us.
- Mothers, value the role of "teaching" your children the Word of God. It makes a difference.

Teach them the complete counsel of God and teach them according to purpose.

Proverbs 31:1-9, King Lemuel's mother taught him on 3 subject matters;

-Women (vs 2-3)

-Wine (vs 4-7)

-Justice (vs 8-9)

- She lays much emphasis on "women" again from vs 10-31. (A woman has potential to function as a "wife", "mother" and "minister").

Proverbs 31:1-4 (AMPC)

¹The words of Lemuel king of Massa, which his mother taught him:

²What, my son? What, son of my womb? What [shall I advise you], son of my vows *and* dedication to God?

³Give not your strength to [loose] women, nor your ways to those who *and* that which ruin *and* destroy kings.

⁴It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine, or for rulers to desire strong drink,

Proverbs 31:5-9 (AMPC)

⁵ Lest they drink and forget the law *and* what it decrees, and pervert the justice due any of the afflicted.

⁶ Give strong drink [as medicine] to him who is ready to pass away, and wine to him in bitter distress of heart.

⁷ Let him drink and forget his poverty and [seriously] remember his want *and* misery no more.

⁸ Open your mouth for the dumb [those unable to speak for themselves], for the rights of all who are left desolate *and* defenseless;

⁹ Open your mouth, judge righteously, and administer justice for the poor and needy.

“Wife” who is a “mother” & “minister”

- She is fruitful. She bears both biological and spiritual children.
- She is a (balanced) teacher of the word (vs 1).
- She advises and cautions her child(ren) (vs 3).
- She trains them in their calling (assignment). Lemuel was advised as king, not as ordinary.
- She equips the child(ren) with core values.
- She provides specific criteria for the things to look out for (Proverbs 31:10-31).



QUESTIONS



PRAYER POINTS

-1 Peter 3:6 (AMPC)

It was thus that Sarah obeyed Abraham [following his guidance and acknowledging his headship over her by] calling him lord (master, leader, authority). And you are now her true daughters if you do right and let nothing terrify you [not giving way to hysterical fears or letting anxieties unnerve you].

-1 Peter 3:7 (AMPC)

In the same way you married men should live considerately with [your wives], with an intelligent recognition [of the marriage relation], honoring the woman as [physically] the weaker, but [realizing that you] are joint heirs of the grace (God's unmerited favor) of life, in order that your prayers may not be hindered *and* cut off. [Otherwise you cannot pray effectively.]

-Joshua 1:8 (NIV)

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.



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