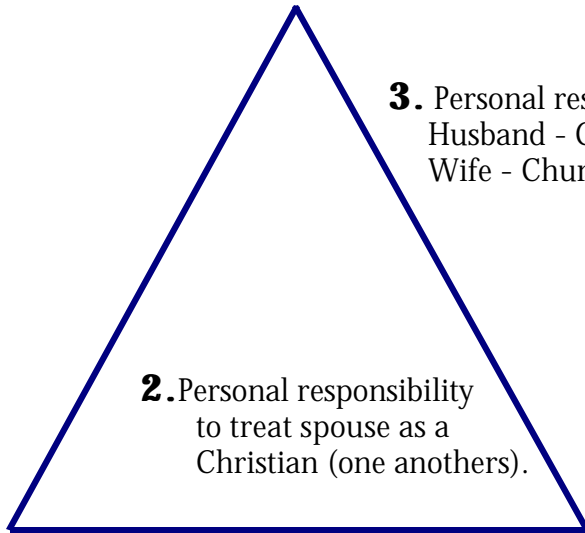


# ROLES OF HUSBANDS & WIVES IN SCRIPTURE



**3.** Personal responsibility to imitate:  
Husband - Christ  
Wife - Church

Leads to harmony.  
Ephesians 5

**2.** Personal responsibility to treat spouse as a Christian (one another).

Leads to dignity.  
Ephesians 4

**1.** Personal responsibility to walk in fellowship with God.

Leads to stability.  
Ephesians 1 & 2

The “One Another” of Scripture are addressed to all believers regardless of age, marital status, sex or levels of maturity.

## We are:

- ♥ members of one another Romans 12:5
- ♥ to be devoted to one another in brotherly love 12:10
- ♥ to honour one another above yourselves 12:10
- ♥ to be of the same mind with one another 15:5
- ♥ to accept one another 15:7
- ♥ to admonish one another 15:14
- ♥ to greet one another 16:16
- ♥ to serve one another in love Galatians 5:13
- ♥ to bear one another’s burdens 6:2
- ♥ bearing with one another in love Ephesians 4:2
- ♥ to submit to one another 5:21
- ♥ to encourage one another I Thessalonians 5:11

**S**ome of the ways Christ loved the Church which can be imitated by husbands as they love their wives:

1. By inviting people to walk with Him, but allowing them not to. John 1:39 & 6:67
2. By serving, not demanding to be served. Matthew 20:28
3. By treating His disciples as friends, telling them all things. John 15:15
4. By reassuring the loved ones through kind deeds and words. John 13:5
5. By providing “hard to bear” information as they were able to bear it. John 16:12
6. By being willing to do anything for them! John 15:14
7. By visualizing for them a future deep intimacy -He was moving them toward it. John 14:20,21
8. By allowing them to freely “buy into” His plan of action. Matthew 16:15
9. By leading resolutely in unpleasant situations when no one wants to lead.  
Matthew 26:46
10. By affirming them in their own abilities, and allowing for failure. Matthew 10:1; 17:16.
11. By providing for their anxieties. John 14:1
12. By providing comfort when absent, the Holy Spirit. John 14:16-18

***The key word is “loved” - fits the deep longing of the wife for security ?***

**S**ome of the ways the Church (people who have become His followers) responds to Christ, which can be imitated by wives as they honour their husbands:

1. Its members are baptized into and take on the name of Christ. Acts 2:38
2. Its most prominent member saw himself as a bond slave of Christ. Romans 1:1
3. Its most noble members pursue the interests of Christ. Philippians 2:21
4. Its members “believe in Christ”. Romans 3:26
5. Its members find liberty in Christ. Galatians 5:1,13
6. Its members do good works. Ephesians 2:10
7. Its members love Christ. Ephesians 6:24
8. Its members thank Christ, even for things that might be taken for granted. I Timothy 1:12
9. Its members long to know Christ in a deep way. Philippians 3:8-10
10. Its members are “workers together with Him”. II Corinthians 6:1
11. Its members are willing to suffer for His sake. Philippians 1:29
12. Its members seek to exalt Christ. Philippians 1:20

***The key word is “honoured” - fits the husband’s deep longing to be ‘somebody’ ?***