

# FAMILY DUTIES OF CHURCH MEMBERS

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## WIVES, DUTIES OF

### 1. Wives were intended by the Creator to be a helper to their husbands in all things.

Gen. 2: 18. And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

### 2. Wives are to be in submission to their husbands as the church is to Christ.

Gen. 3:16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Eph. 5:22, 24. Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

Titus 2:5. To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that

the word of God be not blasphemed.

1 Pet 3:1. 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;

### 3. The wife is not to exercise authority over her husband.

1 Tim. 2:12. But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

### 4. Wives shall be faithful to their husbands and remain with them through life.

Rom. 7:2-3. For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.

1 Cor. 7:2. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let everyman have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

1 Cor. 7:10, 13. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife

depart from her husband And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

### 5. Wives are to love and reverence their husbands.

1 Cor. 7:3. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

Eph.5:33. Nevertheless let everyone of you in particular so love his wife even as himself;

and the wife see that she reverence her husband.

Jacob 2:57. Behold, their husbands love their wives, and their wives love their husbands, and their husbands and their wives love their children.

**6. The wife is to consider her husband's needs and desires before her own.**

1 Cor. 7:4-5. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

**7. The fear of the Lord is more important than physical beauty.**

Prov.31:30. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

1 Pet. 3:3-4. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, 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.

**8. Wives should be adorned with modesty and sobriety.**

1 Tim. 2:9. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

**9. A wife should demonstrate a meek and quiet spirit**

1 Pet. 3:4-5. 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:

**10. Wives are to show forth good works.**

1 Tim. 2:9-10. In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.

**11. A good wife leads a full and varied life, challenging all of her talents.**

Pro.v. 31:10-31. Consider this description of the active and fulfilling life of a model wife.

## **HUSBANDS, DUTIES OF**

### **1. The Christian husband is to have but one wife, and he is to dwell with her for life.**

Gen.2:24. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mat. 19:5-6. And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.

Mk. 10:6-8. But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

1 Cor.7:10-12. And unto the married I command, yet not Lbut the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband: But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away.

1 Tim.3:2, 12. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

Titus 1:6. If any be blameless, the husband of one wife, having faithful children not accused of riot or unruly. .

Jacob 2:36. Wherefore, my brethren, hear me, and hearken to the word of the Lord: For there shall not any man among you have save it be one wife; and concubines he shall have none: For the Lord God, delighteth in the chastity of women.

### **2. The husband must be faithful to his wife.**

Mal. 2:14-15. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth.

### **3. The husband's primary duty is to love his wife.**

Eph.5:25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Col. 3:19. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Jacob 2:57. Behold, their husbands love their wives....

### **4. The husband is to love and care for his wife as Christ did the church.**

Eph. 5:25. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

**5. The husband is to nourish and cherish his wife.**

Eph. 5:29. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

**6. The husband is to respect and give honor to his wife.**

1 Pet. 3:7. 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.

**7. The husband must be kind to his wife and treat her well.**

1 Cor. 7:3. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

Col. 3:19. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

**8. The husband is to consider first the needs and desires of his wife.**

1 Cor. 7:4. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

**9. The good husband loves his children, nourishes them in the Word of God and maintains discipline in the home.**

Eph. 6:4. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

1 Tim. 3:2, 12. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

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**10. The husband should manage his home well.**

1 Tim. 3:4. One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

**11. A wise husband counsels with his wife, who was to be his help in all things.**

Gen. 31:3-16. Read this example of Jacob as he made an important decision.

**12. A husband and father, following the example of Christ, should be prepared to make the ultimate sacrifice for his wife and children.**

Alma 20:50. Nevertheless, the Nephites were inspired by a better cause; for they were not fighting for monarchy nor power; but they were fighting for their homes, and their liberties, their wives, and their children, and their all; yea, for their rites of worship, and their church