

PRACTICAL CHRISTIAN PARENTING

The Role of Wife/Mother in the Family
The Support of the Husband



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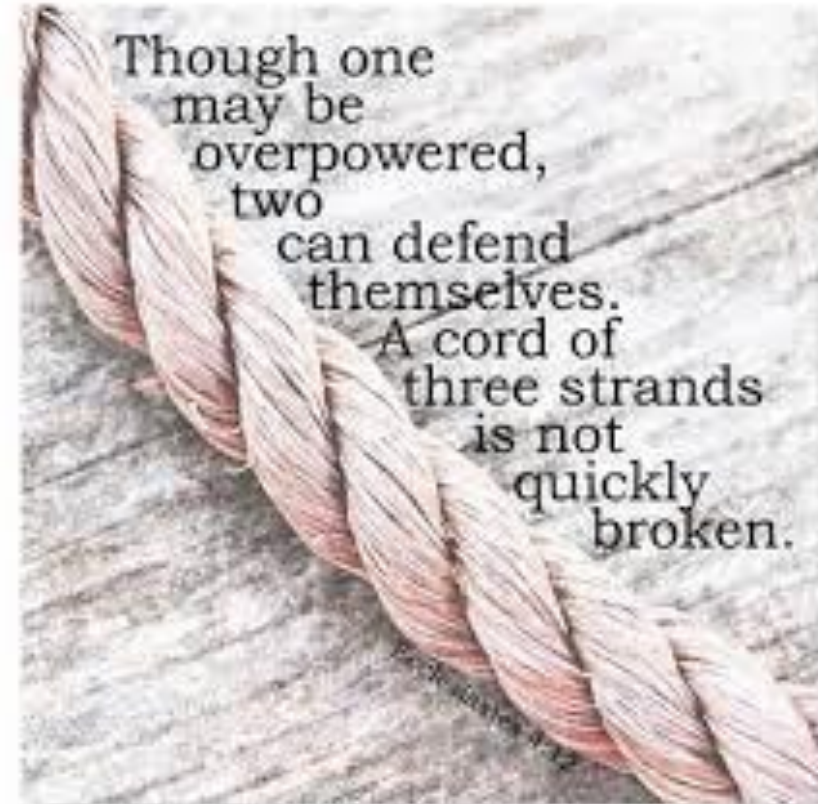
ATTACK ON THE TRUE FAMILY

THE MAN WITH 1000 KIDS

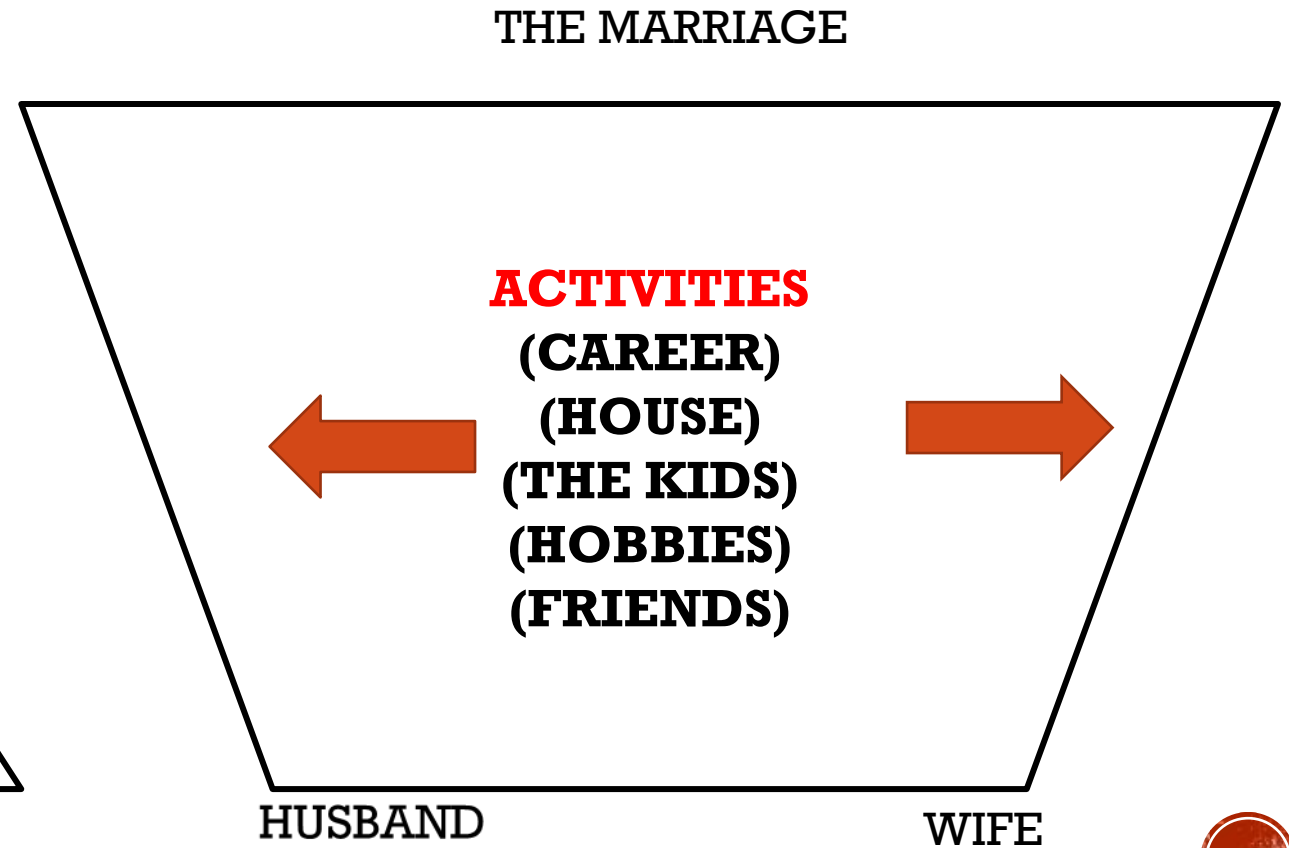
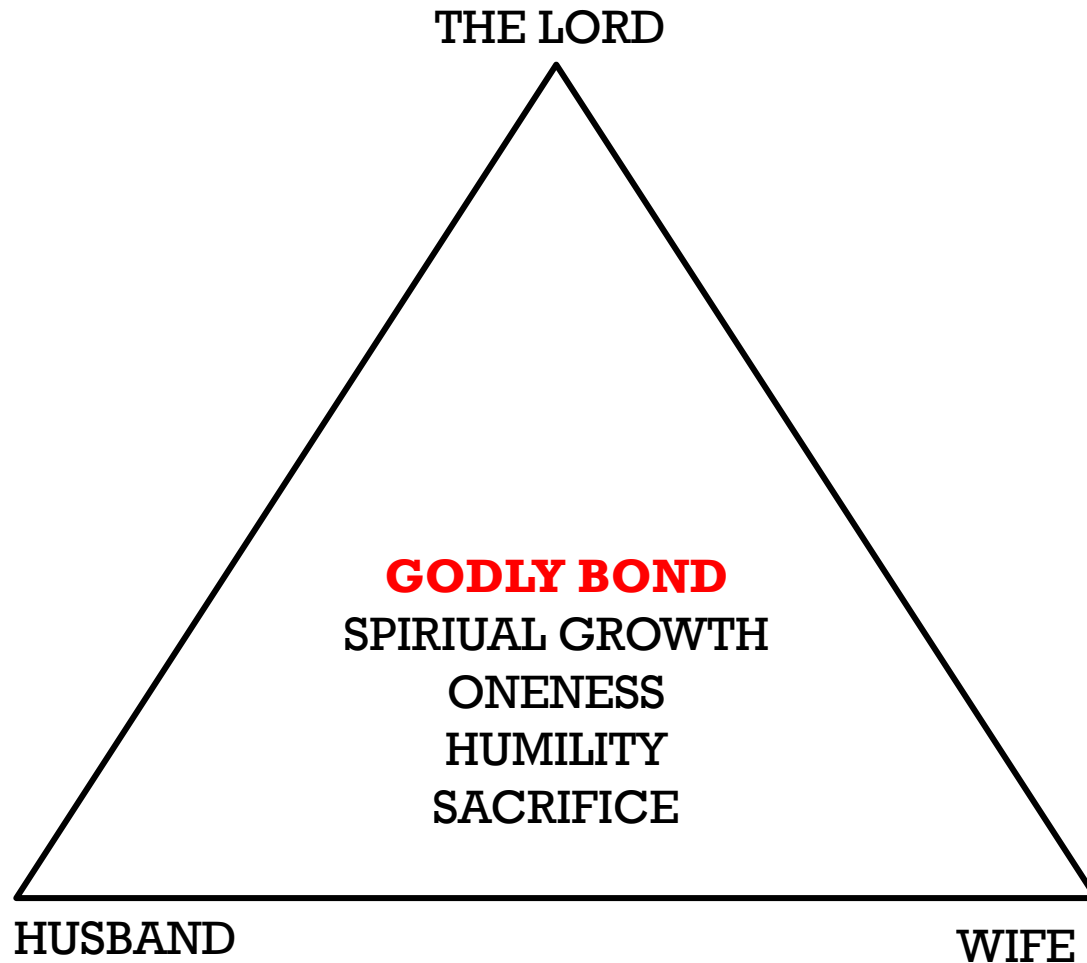


THE MYSTERY OF MATRIMONY TWO BECOME ONE FLESH

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12



GROWING TOGETHER: TWO MODELS



INDIVIDUALITY - UNITY

- Matthew 19:5-6 For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So then, they are **no longer two but one flesh**. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

$$1 + 1 = 1$$



TWO BECOME ONE IN MARRIAGE



ROLE OF THE WIFE AND MOTHER

- **Proverbs 31** – the advice to King Lemuel (belong to God) from his mother
- *Who can find a virtuous wife?
For her worth is far above rubies.*
- 22 verses with the letters of the Hebrew alphabet
- 22 virtues of a righteous wife and mother
- *Charm is deceitful and
beauty is passing,
But a woman who fears the LORD, she
shall be praised.*



ROLE OF THE WIFE: COMPARABLE HELPER¹

- Genesis 2:18 “*It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.*”
- **Comparable:**
 - Companion
 - Counselor
 - Coach
 - Comforter



ROLE OF THE WIFE: COMPARABLE HELPER²

- Hebrews 13:5-6
“The LORD *is* my helper; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?”
- **Helper:**
 - Biggest Fan
 - Encourager
 - Facilitator
 - Advisor NOT Instructor



ROLE OF THE WIFE: COMPARABLE HELPER³

- Genesis 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be^[k] joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh
- Leave – Cleave - Weave
- **God blesses separation:**
 - Severing dependence
 - Severing allegiance



ROLE OF THE WIFE: COMPARABLE HELPER⁴

1 Peter 3:1-6

Wives, likewise, be **submissive** to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be **won by the conduct of their wives**,² when they observe your chaste conduct *accompanied* by fear.³ Do not let your adornment be *merely* outward—arranging the hair, wearing gold, or putting on *fine* apparel—⁴ rather *let it be* the hidden person of the heart, with the ^[a]**incorruptible beauty** of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.⁵ For in this manner, in former times, the holy women **who trusted in God** also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands,⁶ as Sarah obeyed Abraham, **calling him lord**, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror



SUBMISSION

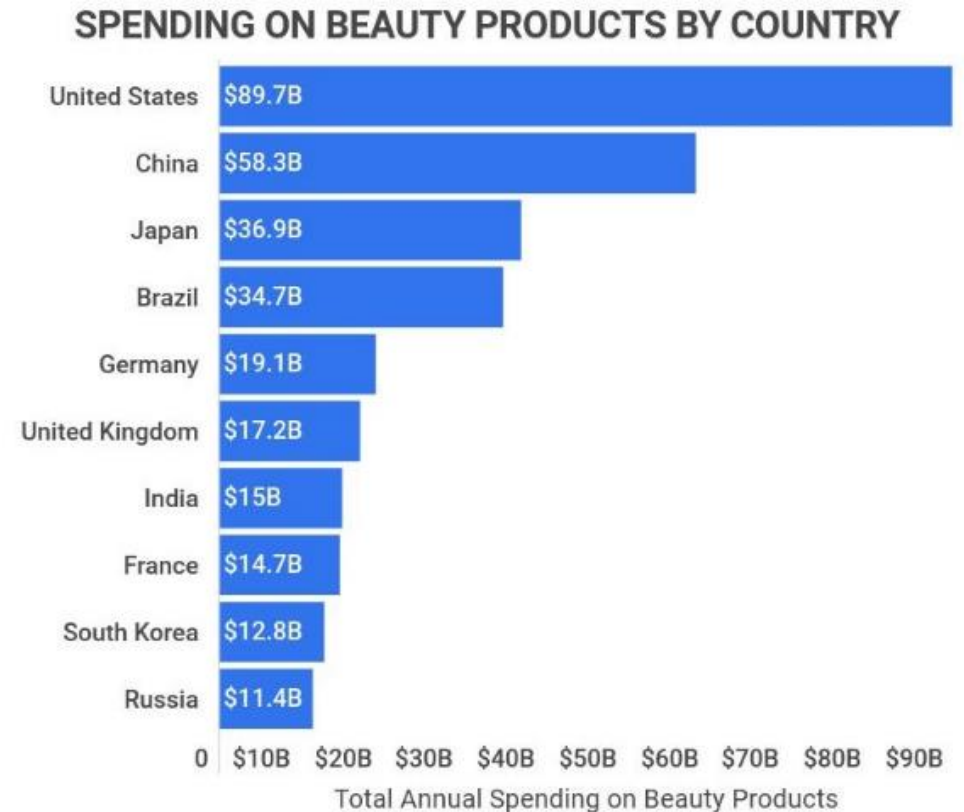
1 Corinthians 11

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

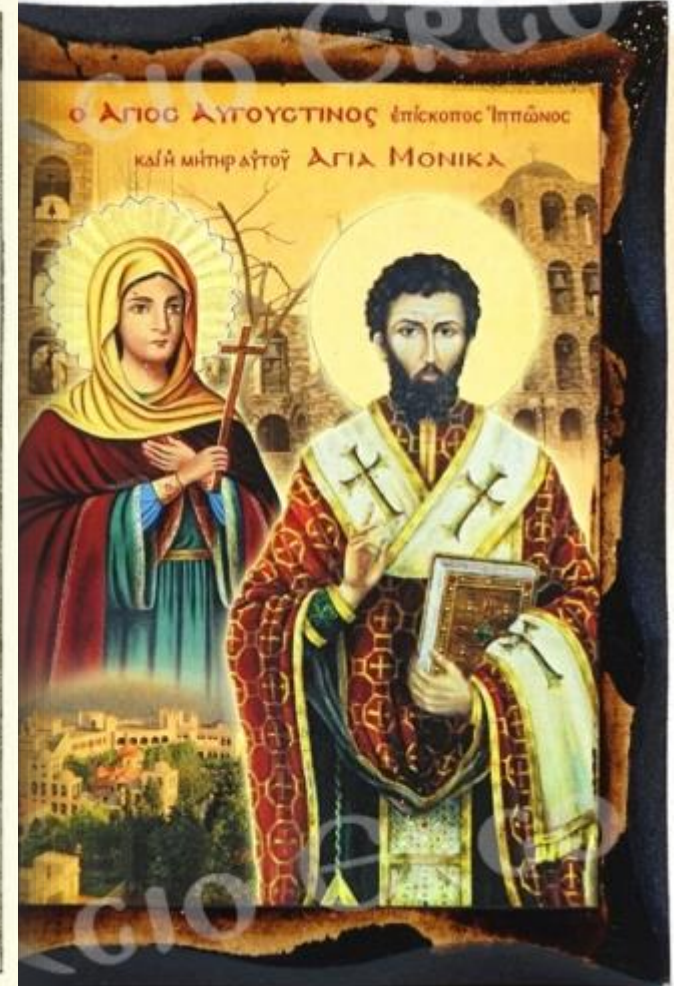


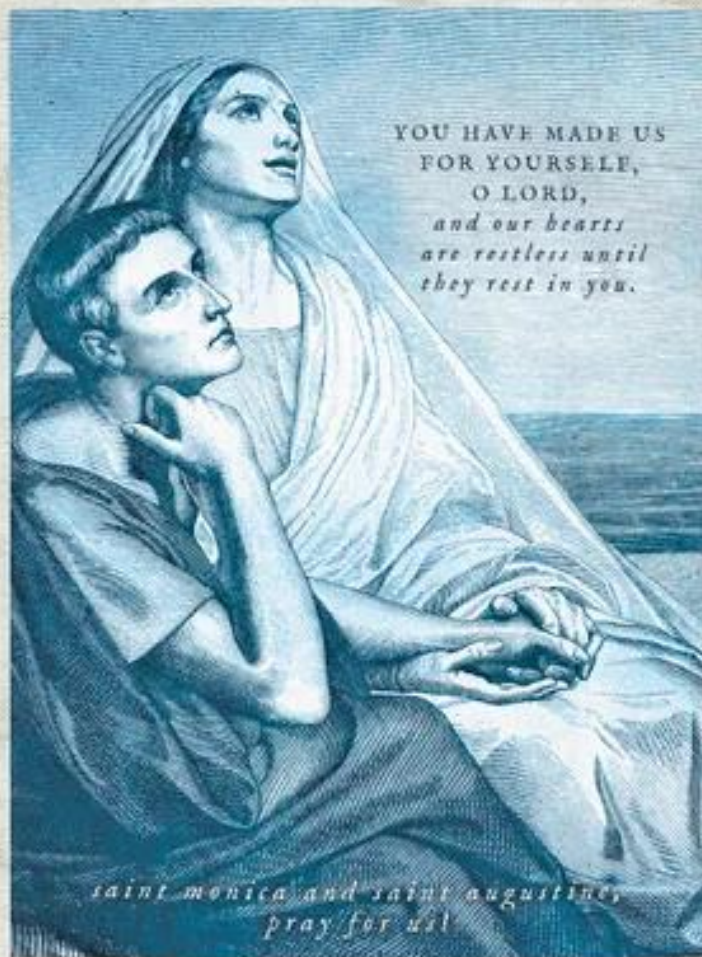
AN EFFECTIVE WIFE

- Submissive: humility not inferiority
- Winning over the resistant (Lee Strobel conversion)
- **Incorruptible beauty**
- Trust in God and Him alone
- Respect (in private and public) (Sarah laughs-Genesis 18)



THE IMPACT OF A GODLY MOTHER





YOU HAVE MADE US
FOR YOURSELF,
O LORD,
*and our hearts
are restless until
they rest in you.*

*saint monica and saint augustine,
pray for us!*



1- ROLE OF THE MOTHER: LABOR PAINS!

- Genesis 3:16 “I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception;
In pain you shall bring forth children
- Labor pain is real- no man can take it 😊
- Marks in the body for life (His hands and His side for eternity)



2- ROLE OF THE MOTHER: ACCEPTANCE ***IN HER EYES YOU ARE PERFECTLY SPECIAL***





Auggie Pullman – 10 year old with Treacher Collins syndrome
Struggles entering 5th grade Isabel (mom) – his rock
Academy Awards 2017



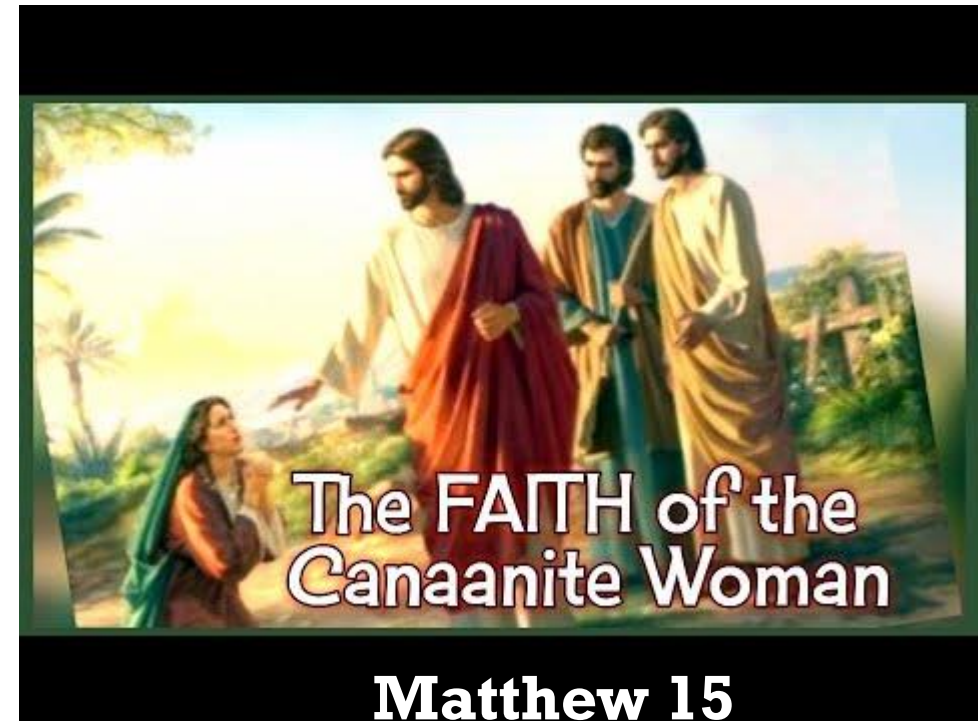
3- ROLE OF THE MOTHER: NOURISHMENT

- Psalm 34: Oh, fear the LORD,
you His saints!
*There is no want to those who
fear Him.*
The young lions lack and suffer
hunger; but those who seek
the LORD shall not lack any
good *thing*.
- *Physical, emotional, spiritual
nourishment*
- *Always ready: grape leaves for
breakfast!!*



4- ROLE OF THE MOTHER: INTERCESSOR

- **Isaiah 59:16** He saw that *there was* no man, and wondered that *there was* no intercessor;
Therefore His own arm brought salvation for Him; and His own righteousness, it sustained Him.
- **1 John 2** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.
- Advocate, Intercede for your children with God, with Dad, with the World



5- ROLE OF THE MOTHER: COMFORTER

- Incredible Ultrasonic Ears!!
 - Daniel in the lions den
 - Jonah in the belly of the fish
 - Even the “blood of Abel”!
- Exams time
- The best premedication prior to surgery: MOM!!

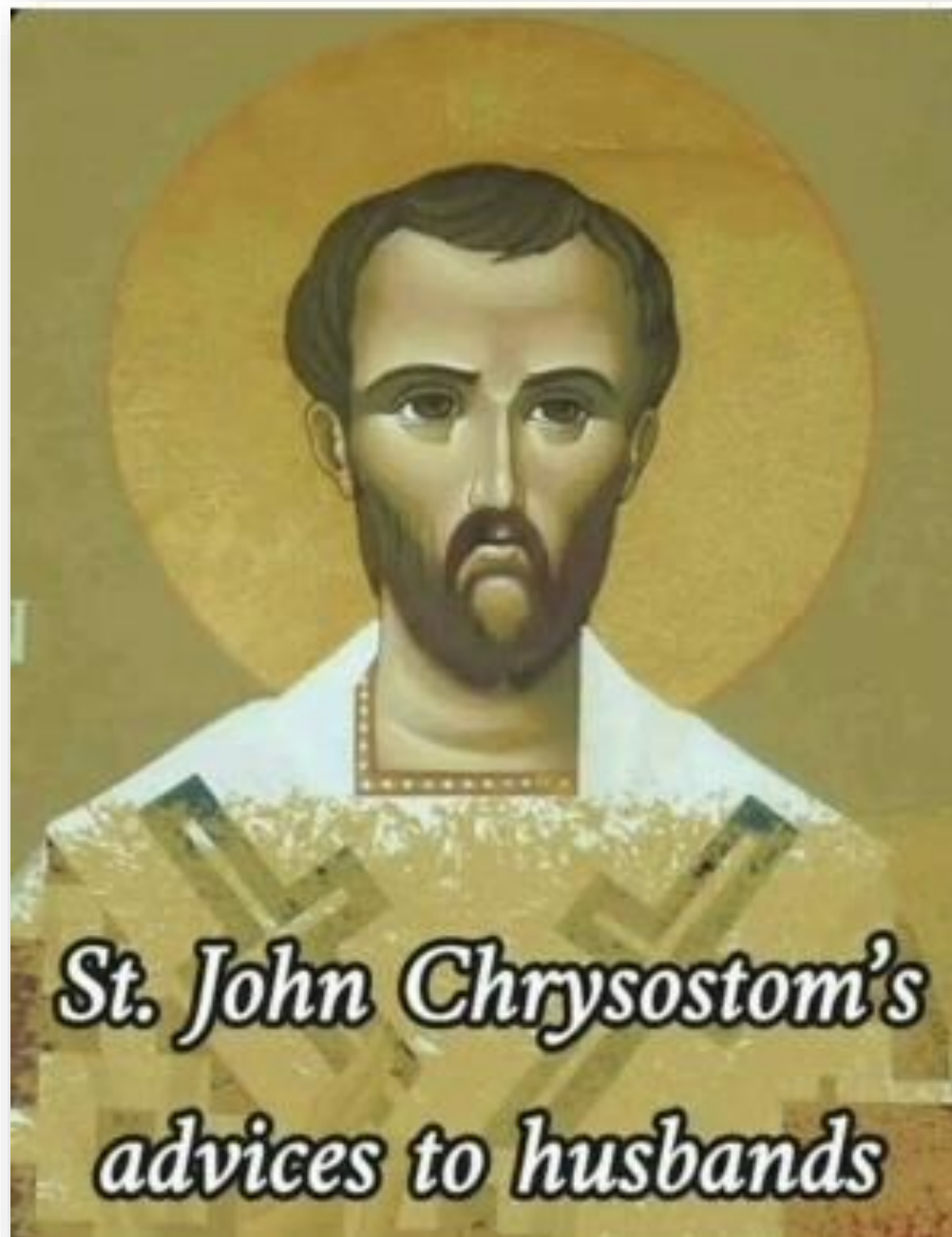


HOW TO BE



A SUPPORTIVE SPOUSE





St. John Chrysostom's advices to husbands :

+ Never speak to your wife in a mundane way but with compliments, with respect and with much love

RESPECT

+ Tell her that you love her more than your own life, because this present life is nothing, and that your only hope is that the two of you pass through this life in such a way that in the world to come, you will be united in perfect love.

AFFECTION

+ Say to her, 'Our time here is brief and fleeting but if we are pleasing to God, we can exchange this life for the Kingdom to come. Then we will be perfectly one both with Christ and with each other, and our pleasure will know no bounds. I value your love above all things, and nothing would be so bitter or painful to me as our being at odds with each other. Even if I lose everything, any affliction is tolerable if you will be true to me.'

COMMITMENT

+ Show her that you value her company, and prefer being at home to being out at the marketplace

CHERISH

+ Esteem her in the presence of your friends and children

PRAISE
AFFIRMATION

+ Praise and show admiration for her good acts; and if she ever does anything foolish, advise her patiently.

+ Pray together at home and go to Church; when you come back home, let each ask the other the meaning of the readings and the prayers. If your marriage is like this, your perfection will rival the holiest of monks.

SPIRITUAL
BOND



WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE!!!

ROMANS 12

I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your* ^[b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.



LEADERSHIP - AUTHORITY

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love
your wives, just as
Christ loved the
church and gave
himself up for her



SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND¹

- Colossians 3:18-19 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.
- **Show Affection:** Discover and feed her love language
- **Be Gentle** not rough or intimidating



INSTRUCTION TO THE BRIDEGROOM

- My blessed son may the grace of the Holy Spirit strengthen you to take unto yourself your wife, in **purity** of heart and in **sincerity**. **Do all that is good for her. Have compassion on her** and always **hasten to do that which will gladden her heart**. Take care of her as her parents did in love and in humility remembering that you have been crowned by this spiritual and heavenly marriage and confirmed by the grace of God.



SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND²

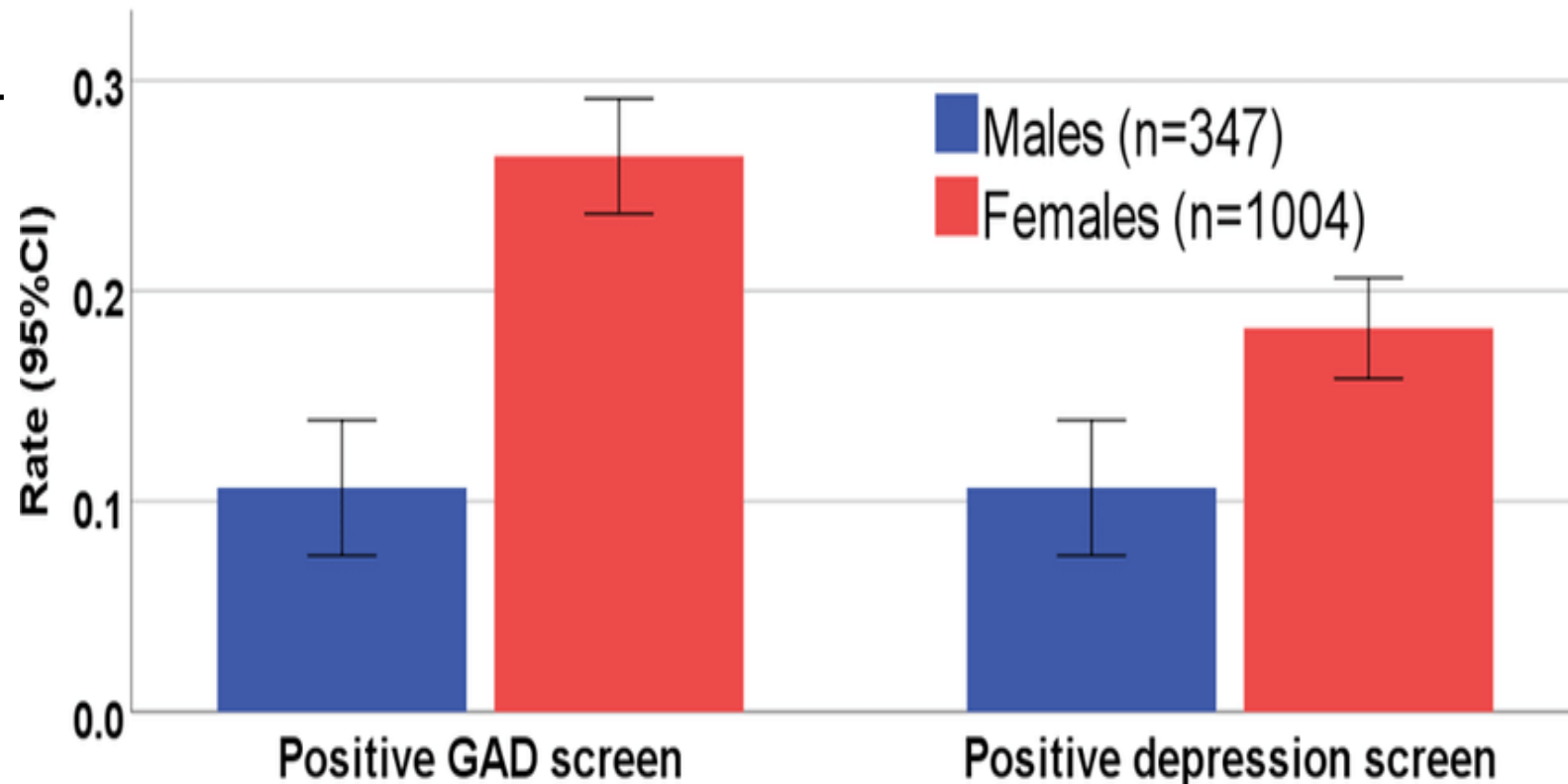
- 1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
- **Understanding**
- **Honoring**
- **Accepting**



THE “WEAKER” VESSEL

- Sensitivity
- Emotional vulnerability
- Seasonal effects
- Husband:
 - Be Gentle
 - Be Patient
 - Be Acknowledging

Gender differences in anxiety and depression scales



THE “WEAKER” VESSEL

- Muscle mass and muscle growth
- Physical stamina
- Hunter/Warrior versus Grower/Nurturer
- Husband:
 - Be Available and Attentive (Recognize)
 - Be Willing (Respond)





SUPPORTIVE HUSBAND³

DO NOT:

ATTACK OR THREATEN – STONEWALL AND WITHDRAW – INTIMIDATE OR PUT-DOWN

AND IF YOU FIND YOURSELF DOING SO:

STOP!

APOLOGIZE

RECONCILE



THE ROLE OF WIFE/MOTHER IN FAMILY

GATHERER SACRED INFLUENCER



Luke 13:34 How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing!

