

GOD'S ORDER IN THE HOME UNDERSTOOD... OBEYED... and DEMONSTRATED

1 Corinthians 11:1-16

God established who He'd hold accountable for managing the home - the husband!

- GOD'S ORDER:
 - "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).
 - While Jesus lived on this earth, He _____ Himself to the "headship" ...to the authority of His Heavenly Father. "...the Head of Christ is God."
 - ~ Who'd argue with that?
 - ~ Who then... would argue with God... concerning Christ being the "head"... of every man?
 - ~ Who'd argue against Ephesians 6:1-3?
 - Jesus came not to do His own will... but the will of His Father.
 - "the head of Christ is _____..." Says: "...the head of every woman is the _____..." Why do we have such a problem with it?
- GOD'S ORDER:
 - "Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you" (1 Corinthians 11:2)
 - "Ordinances" simply means "traditions... or the _____ of things."
 - "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"
 - ~ This order didn't start in Corinth: it started in the Garden of Eden. "The Apostles had delivered to the churches, certain doctrines or rules respecting the good order and government of the church, and they {the Corinthian Church} had in general, observed them." Barnes Notes' on the Bible Commentary
- GOD'S ORDER:
 - God's really BIG into _____ demonstrations of His _____ work.
 - His love for His church... is to be outwardly demonstrated... By the marriage of two Christian people.
 - ~ Husbands are to love their wives... as Christ loved His church.
 - ~ Wives are to submit to their own husbands... as unto the Lord.
 - Paul is often accused of being critical of women and placing them in an inferior position, but this is not true. He realized that God is a God of order, and that when anything is out of order, there is confusion and loss of power. Paul nowhere teaches that women are inferior to men in the eyes of God, but rather that God has laid down the principle of headship (not dictatorship) that makes Christ the Head of man and man the head of woman. At Corinth, this important principle was being violated. Women were competing with men for public leadership in the church. Furthermore, in the observing of the Lord's Supper, women were not keeping their proper place and were coming with their heads uncovered; it is this matter that Paul now discusses.¹
 - God's Order Demonstrated By The _____ (v. 4)
 - Who is the HEAD of the man? It's _____.
 - ~ Jews began wearing head coverings during the fourth century a.d., although some may already have been wearing them in New Testament times. Apparently, Corinthian men were doing the same, and Paul informs them that it is a disgrace. Paul is not stating a

¹ Warren W. Wiersbe, [*Wiersbe's Expository Outlines on the New Testament*](#) (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1992), 450-451.

universal law from God, but acknowledging a local custom, which did reflect divine principle. In that society, a man's uncovered head was a sign of his authority over his wife, who was to have her head covered. For a man to cover his head was to suggest a reversal of proper roles.²

- *To whom is the man the glory of? _____.*
 - ~ Men... we demonstrate our “opinion” of Jesus Christ... our honor and respect for Jesus Christ’s authority over us... we demonstrate our inward devotion for Jesus Christ... by the outward appearance of our covering.
- God’s Order Demonstrated By The _____ (vv. 5-6)
 - Do you know who wore their hair shorn in Corinth? Prostitutes.
 - *Who’s the woman {the wife} the glory of? Her _____.*
 - ~ Her hair’s appearance... is to reflect her opinion of her HEAD. A wife’s hair... reflects her submission... to her husband’s authority.
 - Look at verse 10. “Power” simply means “*the sign of her husband’s _____.*”
 - *“To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God”* (Ephesians 3:10).
- **Conclusion**
 - A woman or a man out of place is always a _____ to the work of God. There ought to be modesty in the local church, both in dress and action. We dare not conform to the world, lest we lose our testimony.
 - MEN: You can have a shaved head... a bald head... you can have a beautifully trimmed head of hair... and still be in rebellion against God. Because closely cropped hair... doesn’t guarantee that a man has a heart for God... or for his wife.
 - WOMEN: You can have the longest flowing head of gorgeous hair that womankind has ever known... and still be in rebellion against God... and the authority of your HEAD... your husband.
 - ~ *Lest men abuse their authority over women, Paul reminds them of their equality and mutual dependence. Man’s authority was given by God to be used for His purposes and in His way. Man as a fellow creature has no innate superiority to women and has no right to use his authority tyrannically or selfishly. Male chauvinism is no more biblical than feminism. Both are perversions of God’s plan³*
 - *God desires to see a _____ of our submission to authority.*
 - Here’s God’s order of authority:
 - ~ Jesus submitted to... and obeyed His HEAD... By going to the Cross for our sin.
 - ~ Husband: don’t rebel against your HEAD... And then expect your wife to submit to you.
 - ~ Wife: don’t rebel against your HEAD... And then expect your children to submit to you.

A lot of the problems with rebellion in our _____ is standing in front of the mirror.

² John MacArthur, *1 Corinthians: Godly Solutions for Church Problems*, MacArthur Bible Studies (Nashville, TN: W Publishing Group, 2001), 69.

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