

A Marriage Minute

To Help Your Marriage be just a little better today!

Head of the House??



"For he 'has put everything under his feet...When he has done this, then the Son himself, will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all." --1 Cor. 15:27,28

What does it mean to be the head of the house? Simply put, it means being the head servant. God demonstrated his authority as the head of Christ by first putting everything under his feet. Then Christ made himself subject to the Father. That's the sequence. That's the way it happens. First, the husband places everything under the feet of his wife; then she willingly places herself under his authority, because it's safe. I've said it before -I don't know of a single woman who wouldn't gladly place herself under the authority of a man who would first lay the world at her feet. The key word is "first". Now please, I don't mean to give the wife whatever she wants. I certainly don't mean the husband is to be a doormat for the wife. I do mean the husband is to study and know her physical and emotional needs, and he must work to meet those needs. The husband is the initiator, the wife the responder. As the husband first learns to serve his wife, unconditionally, she then begins to feel safe, and begins to place herself under his trustworthy and safe care. It must be a place of security and safety otherwise it won't work. If you have to demand it, then you surely don't have it. Learn to serve, unconditionally, and it will happen out of relationship, rather than compulsion, by grace rather than by law. That's biblical headship and submission.

Question for dialogue: "Is submission in our home out of compulsion or out of relationship?" How can we work toward realizing the principle revealed in 1 Corinthians 15:27,28 in our home?

Prayer for both of us: "Lord, help us to surrender to your principle of headship through servanthood. Help your order of biblical headship and submission through grace rather than law be real in our marriage."

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