



## Corporate Testimony Requires Orientation to Establishment Principles & Biblical Mandates: the Three Laws of the Christian Marriage

12. The church does not have the luxury of dictating policy to Christ for such arrogance is blasphemous and foolish resulting in divine discipline and punishment to its members who assume such prerogatives.
13. Consequently, for a woman to rebel against her husband's leadership is a poor witness and destroys the corporate testimony that the mystery of the Christian marriage is designed to accomplish.
14. Nevertheless, the institution of marriage will always be plagued by the tendency of the woman to usurp the authority of her husband and the husband will always have a tendency to maintain his authority.
15. The only system by which this conflict can be consistently managed and the marital relationship conducted harmoniously is the mutual agreement to function under establishment principles and biblical mandates.
16. A man and a woman who observe establishment principles can have an harmonious marriage but never achieve the level of rapport and coalescence of souls that is enjoyed by the Christian couple who advance to spiritual maturity.
17. The union of right man-right woman in a Christian marriage has the assets necessary to conduct the relationship in a manner that is honorable to the Lord and fulfills the three laws of the Christian marriage.
18. The Three Laws of the Christian Marriage:
  - 1) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HUSBAND:
 

**Ephesians 5:25 -** Husbands, aggressively love your wives with enduring devotion, just as Christ also aggressively loved the church and gave Himself up as a substitute for her.

**Colossians 3:19 -** Husbands, love your wives, and stop being bitter against them.
  - 2) THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE WIFE:
 

**Ephesians 5:22 -** Wives, submit yourselves to the authority of your own husbands, as to the Lord,

**v. 23 -** because the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself is the Savior of the body.

**Ephesians 5:24 -** But just as the church is subordinate to Christ, so also wives are under the authority of their husbands in all things.
  - 3) THE MUTUAL RESPONSIBILITY OF BOTH THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE:
 

**Ephesians 5:32 -** This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and to the church.

**v. 33 -** Let each husband aggressively love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respects her husband in response to his aggressive love for her.



**Ephesians 4:32 -** Become kind, performing gracious acts toward each other, and compassionate, and keep forgiving each other just as God also by the agency of Christ has forgiven you for your benefit.

19. The mystery doctrine of the Christian marriage requires us to define the corporate relationship that exists between right man and right woman.