



“THIS IS A FOOTBALL...”

POSITION PLAYERS, PART 1

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Ephesians 5:21

Who are the participants in marriage?

- one man and one woman covenanting with one another for their lifetimes

Matthew 19:5-6

What are the roles of marriage?

- husband as “head”

Ephesians 5:23

- wife as “helper”

Genesis 2:18

What are the responses of marriage?

- husband sacrificially loves
- wife willingly follows

1. Wives are to follow their husbands’ lead

Ephesians 5:22-24

Clarifying Statement #1 – submission is not equated with being a doormat to be walked upon or of someone who has no input, but that of a willing participant who gets under another’s leadership

Clarifying Statement #2 – there are always extreme examples of why you wouldn’t continue to be submissive to your husband because it violates another principle of God’s design

2. Husbands are to sacrificially love their wives

Ephesians 5:25-29

“God loves us; not because we are loveable but because He is love, not because he needs to receive but because He delights to give.”
C. S. Lewis

The kind of love that a husband is to demonstrate toward his wife is putting her needs ahead of his 10 times out of 10.

Ephesians 5:30-33

3. The consistent responses of love and respect will energize your marriage like nothing else

Key concept to not forget: God’s directive for your response as a wife or a husband is not dependent upon your spouse responding how they ought

This Week’s Gameplan:

“Live out God’s directed responses toward your spouse”