

Series: Marriage and Family

Sermon: Gender Roles in Marriage

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How does _____ and _____ work for husbands and wives?

Two purposes for marriage:

(1) I have an imperfect spouse to _____ to the image of _____.

(2) Marriage is a _____ to show the relationship between Christ and the Church.

Wives are to _____ their husbands, because of the metaphor.

There is mutual submission in marriage but husband and wife _____ roles.

The wife's submission is closely related to a _____ for her husband.

The husband has the leadership role (_____), because of the metaphor.

To demonstrate Christ's love a husband must remember that Christ's entire existence on Earth was for the _____ of the Church. Therefore, the husband _____ a servant-leader to his wife.

I am able to _____ Christ and the Church by watching how submission and authority work in marriages.

Side note: Submitting is not the same thing as accepting _____ marriage roles.

Side note: Submitting is not a master/slave or _____ relationship. It's not even truly hierarchical.

A Godly marriage is when one man and one woman, _____ in the eyes of God, choose to make a lifelong commitment to love each other where the wife _____ submits to a husband who is lovingly cherishing his wife and putting her _____ desires above his own, for her benefit. This both serves to sanctify them (*conform them to be like Jesus*) and show them and others how Jesus and the Church relate to each other.