

Persevere:

Warning #4: Don't Persist in Faithless Rebellion (Part #18)

⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Hebrews 13:4 (ESV)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV)

Areas of concentration for a Christian offering life worship in a non-Christian world (Heb. 13:1-25):

1. Offer to God a life that loves others, vv.1-3.

2. Offer to God a life that honors marriage, v.4.

A. One that is biblical in regard to gender,
Gen. 2:18-25.

B. One that is biblical in regard to roles,
Gen. 2:18-25.

Men--How we often neglect our role (Eph. 5:22-33):

*Through passivity

*Through selfishness

*Through indifference

*Through inattention

*Through desertion