

**FINDING GOD'S PLAN FOR
 RELATIONSHIPS**

I. Definitions of Womanhood and Manhood

A. A Real Woman

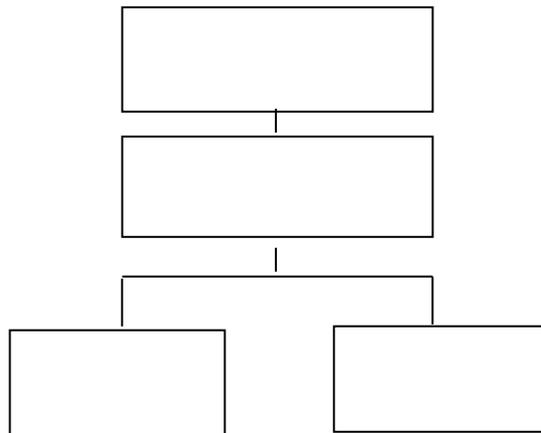
A Real Woman is one who _____ worldly temptations for significance, _____ God's design for relationships, _____ the next generation, and _____ the greater reward—God's reward.

B. A Real Man

A Real Man is one who _____ passivity, _____ responsibility, _____ courageously, and _____ the greater reward—God's reward.

II. Two Modern Views of the Marriage Relationship

A. Top-Down Traditional Model



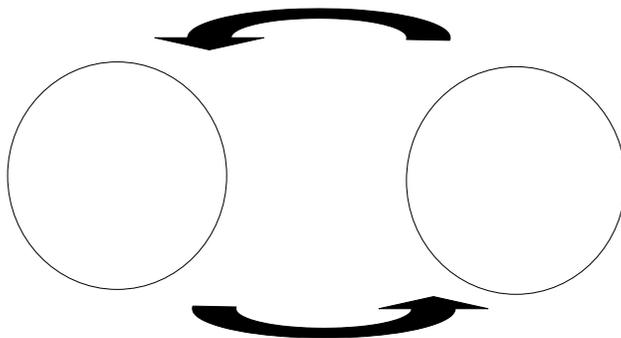
Luke 22:25-27

- Position:
- Leadership Style:
- Goal:
- Key Phrase:

B. 50-50 Mythical Model

III. A Biblical View of Marriage

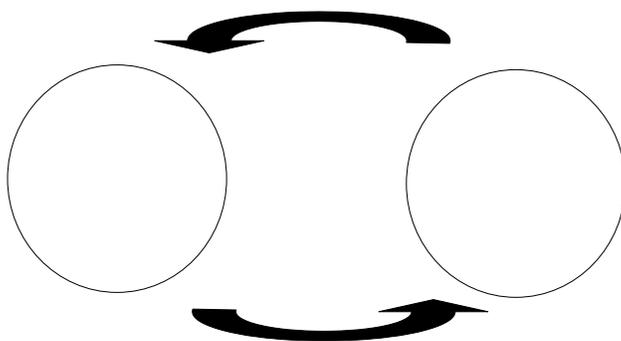
A. Core Roles



The Husband as _____ is a _____.

The Wife as _____ is a _____.

B. Core Responses



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Discussion Questions:

1. From our Reflection Assignment last week: What are some ways you can begin to live out God's definition of Womanhood? How can you: Reject Worldly Temptations for Significance, Embrace God's Design for Relationships, Nurture the Next Generation, and Expect the Greater Reward – God's Reward?
2. How is the biblical model of leadership different from the world's model or what we typically think, and how have you observed each in our community and society?
3. What are your thoughts and reactions to the differences between the Biblical model of marriage and the Top-Down Traditional model?
4. Compare and contrast the 50-50 Model with the Biblical Model of a side-by-side/symbiotic relationship. Why do you think the differences are so critical?
5. How does a man's response to his wife of praise and honor impact the kind of woman she becomes?
6. How can giving a man respect actually make him a better leader? How can withholding respect make him a worse leader?