

Northshore Christian Church

Addendum VI Role Distinctions

Role Distinctions ~ Males and Females

The Bible teaches that men and women are equal before God in terms of dignity and worth, as both are created in God's image. However, they have separate and distinct roles to fulfill in the home and in the church. The marriage relationship models the way God relates to His people. Scripture states this in 1 Corinthians 11:3 when it says, "Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God [the Father]." This is the Biblical principle of "headship".

A husband is to love his wife sacrificially as Christ loved the church. He has the God-given responsibility to provide for, to protect, and to lead his family.

A wife is to submit herself graciously to the servant leadership of her husband even as the church willingly submits to the headship of Christ. (Ephesians 5:22) She, being in the image of God as is her husband and thus equal to him, has the God-given responsibility to respect her husband and to serve as his helper in managing the household and nurturing the next generation.

Headship is not a right, but rather a responsibility. Headship does not exalt a husband, but rather serves the wife. Headship does not enslave the wife, but rather cherishes her. Headship encourages the wife to develop and use her God-given gift(s).

We believe that in recent years there has been an all-out attack on the traditional and Biblical family structure. Therefore, the church should teach and encourage God's principle of Biblical headship.