

### **III. ACCEPTING MARITAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. THE HUSBAND NEEDS TO ACCEPT CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.**

1. God's plan places the husband as the administrative head in the marriage relationship (I Cor. 11:3, 7-9).
2. This position makes the husband responsible before God to care for the spiritual as well as the physical needs of his wife (I Tim. 5:8; Eph. 5:25-29).
3. This position holds the husband accountable before God for the way he provides for his wife (I Pet. 3:7).

#### **B. THE WIFE NEEDS TO ACCEPT CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP.**

1. God's plan places the wife in a position of subordination to her husband (Gen. 3:6; Eph. 5:22,24).
2. This position does not mean a position of inferiority, servitude or slavery. Such subordination is illustrated in the manner in which Christ was subordinate to His Father in heaven (Jn. 8:29; Phil. 2:5-8).
3. This position does not mean obedience to sinful commands given by the husband (Col. 3:18).
4. This position calls for the wife to be a helpmeet and to follow her husband's leadership in order to please the Lord (Prov. 31:10-12; Eph. 5:22).

#### **C. THE HUSBAND AND THE WIFE ARE TO CONSIDER THE DIFFERENCES IN ONE ANOTHER AND NOT DEFRAUD ONE ANOTHER.**

1. The marriage relationship requires meeting sexual needs (I Cor. 7:3-5).
2. It requires keeping one's marriage vows and being faithful to one another (Heb. 13:4).
3. The marriage relationship requires settling differences which arise (Eph. 4:26).
4. The marriage relationship requires honoring and respecting one another (Eph. 5:33; I Pet. 3:1-7).