

### Study Questions - Week 8

(Please note: Doug will be off next Sunday and resume his series on September 4).

Please read **5:22-31**. This section continues with the theme of living a worthy life. How so?

How many **verses** speak about the husband in the marriage? How many speak about the wife?

Your marriage is primarily about **God**. Why is it so fundamental that we can grasp this principle?

*“Christian marriage (when it is functions in the manner in which God has created it to function) is a window in time through which the world grasps a glimpse of eternity”*. How so?

According to **verse 31**, the shared goal of marriage is “oneness” i.e. intimacy. Why is having a shared goal so important for a lasting marriage?

In **verses 22-24**, the function of the Christian wife is given. Who does she symbolically represent? How does this help to understand what is her function?

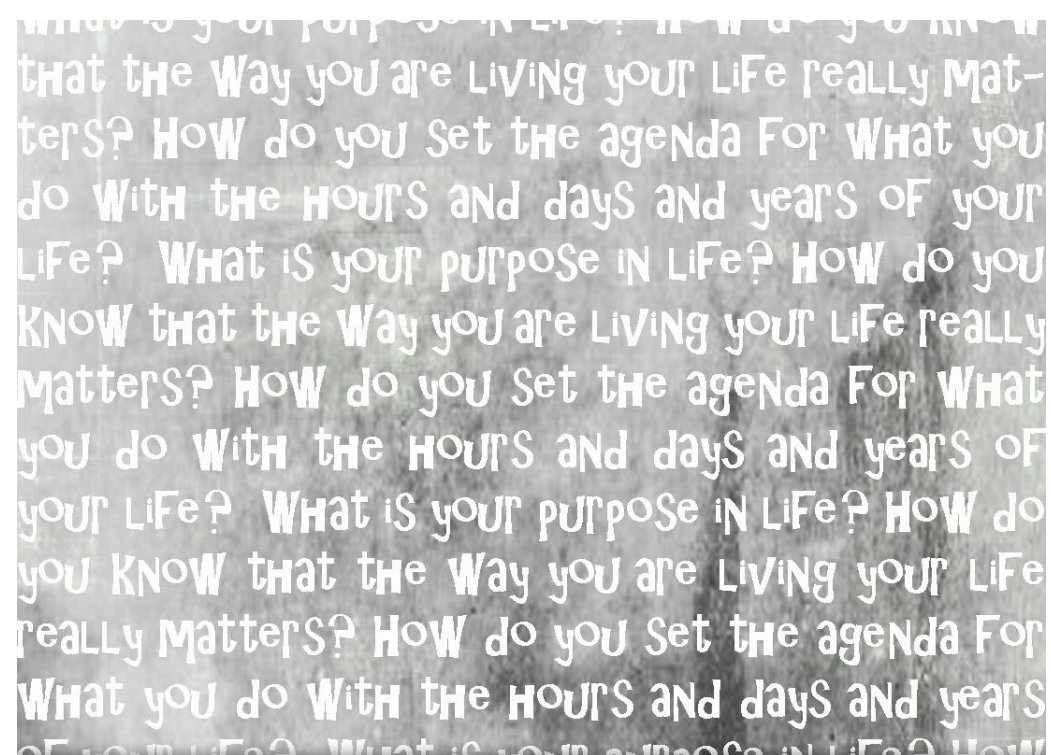
In **verse 25**, the Christian husband’s function is given. What does the husband symbolically represent? How does this help to understand what is his function?

A husband is to be **head** of the marriage and a wife is to be his **helper**. In the Old Testament God is also called the helper of mankind. How does this help us more clearly to understand the meaning and application of what role the Christian wife fulfills in her marriage? Jesus is called the head of the Church. How does this help us more clearly to understand the meaning and application of what role the Christian husband fulfills in her marriage?

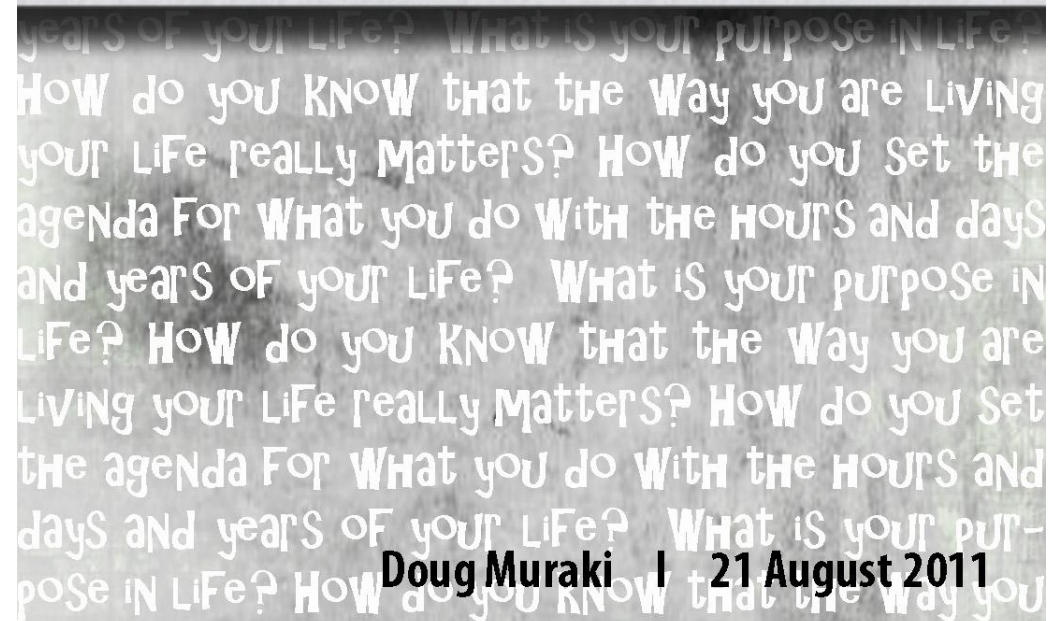
It has been wrongly taught that a husband’s headship is grounded in the superiority of the husband or the inferiority of the wife. Can you think of a couple of reasons why this is so very not true?

If husbands are not commanded to rule their wives what according to **verses 25, 28 and 33** are husbands commanded to do?

According to **verses 21 and 26** what is the boundary of a husband’s headship?



## a WORTHY life



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## HAVE YOU BEEN BUSTED FOR A LUI?

EPHESIANS 5: 15-21

(This is the 7<sup>th</sup> in a series of messages entitled *The Worthy Life*)

A well known and respected Bible teacher asked this penetrating question – *If you had to grade your congregation on their knowledge of the Holy Spirit, what grade would you give them?*”

For most of us the scorecard would look like this –

God the Father – We know about Him

God the Son - We know Him even better

But the Holy Spirit? That’s another story. He is the God we hardly know.

*So what grade would you give yourself in terms of your personal knowledge of the Holy Spirit? More to the point (of today’s message) If someone asked - “Are you filled with the Spirit?” what would you say?*

Bible students often divide the work of the Godhead this way:

God the Father is the Source of all things;

God the Son is the Channel of all things:

God the Spirit is the Agent of all things.

As we will see, the Holy Spirit has been commissioned by the Head of the Church, Jesus Christ, to take charge of our lives on a moment by moment basis.

### IDEA

**We come under the influence of the Holy Spirit by staying in contact with Him so that He has the controlling interest in our lives. This results in the strengthening of our deepest desires and passions. In this way there is a free flow of God’s powerful grace which makes our hearts glad, contented and submissive.**

## LESSONS

### Living Under the Influence of a Foolish Spirit (5:15-18a)

- A. A foolish person makes a habit of wrong \_\_\_\_\_ because he doesn’t understand what are \_\_\_\_\_ purposes for mankind
- B. With no spiritual \_\_\_\_\_, these choices lead to a series of missed \_\_\_\_\_
- C. A foolish person’s highest goal becomes the passing of time while avoiding \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- D. People become desperate and \_\_\_\_\_ behind a “chemical \_\_\_\_\_”

**Summary:** Wrong \_\_\_\_\_ + Missed \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ Upon Unwholesome Influences = A FOOLISH LIFE

### Living Under the Influence of the Holy Spirit (5:18b-21)

- A. The filling of the Spirit is a question of influence or \_\_\_\_\_
- B. The filling of the Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_, on-going experience
- C. The filling of the Spirit is a work of God but man stays in \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- D. The filling of the Spirit is in \_\_\_\_\_ in a yielded life (vv 19-21)
  - 1. To God: Intelligent and passionate \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2. In our Heart: \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3. To Others: Mutual \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary:** \_\_\_\_\_ + Continuous \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ = A SPIRIT FILLED LIFE