

WIFE! "HELPER" OR "SLAVE"?

GEN 2:18 "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him".

First of all, what is a help-meet? Bible Dictionary (Easton) describes a help as "counterpart" = a help Suitable for him. I would like to say this emphatically and with all sense of responsibility that your wife is not your *slave* she is by divine arrangement your *counterpart* and should be treated as such. The opening scripture is clear and unequivocal as to the role of a woman to her husband. She is designed to help you and not slave for you. Men are to love their wives as Christ loved the church according to the book of Ephesians 5:25- "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it".

A man must of necessity and by divine commandment love their wives unconditionally. Loving your wife as Christ loved the church entails that you must be ready to make sacrifices for her when the need be. Would Christ maltreat or slave the church? No! Would Christ not cater for the church? No! Same way Christ would never be caught doing all of these things. A husband should not be

found guilty of same. Christ protects the church. Husbands must protect their wives; a husband must defend her wife even when she goes wrong correcting her in love. Wives should be treated with love. A husband must be ready to give himself away to his wife as Christ gave himself to the church. It is wrong to think that women are second class citizens whose voice should not be heard. Husbands and wives are designed to help one another and not one slaving for the other. Christ adopted us as children. Traditions and culture should not take the place of divine instructions. Some culture and traditions believe women are inferior to men. This ought not to be so. Believers must unlearn these old ways and learn the new ways which Christ laid out so clearly.