

**Jesus' Teaching on Divorce  
and Oaths  
Matthew 5: 31-37**

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**Verse 31 - 32**

**Jesus on Divorce**

# Two Jewish schools of thought on divorce:

- 1) Hillel – liberal interpretation
- 2) Shammai – conservative interpretation

## Deuteronomy 24:1-4 [NKJV\*]

(1) When a man takes a wife and *marries* her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes because he has found some uncleanness in her, and he writes her a *certificate of divorce*, *puts it in her hand*, and sends her out of his house,

**Jesus says the only cause for divorce is sexual immorality**

***GOD HATES DIVORCE* – Malachi 2: 16**

**Divorce is not the unpardonable sin!**

**The only unforgivable sin is *blasphemy against the Holy Spirit***

**Matthew 12: 31**

***The rejection of Jesus Christ as your Savior***

## Biblical reasons for divorce:

1) Sexual immorality

Matthew 5: 32 and 19: 9

2) Death of a spouse terminates marriage – Romans 7: 2

3) Desertion of the unbelieving spouse  
(*physically leaves the marriage*)

1 Corinthians 7: 15

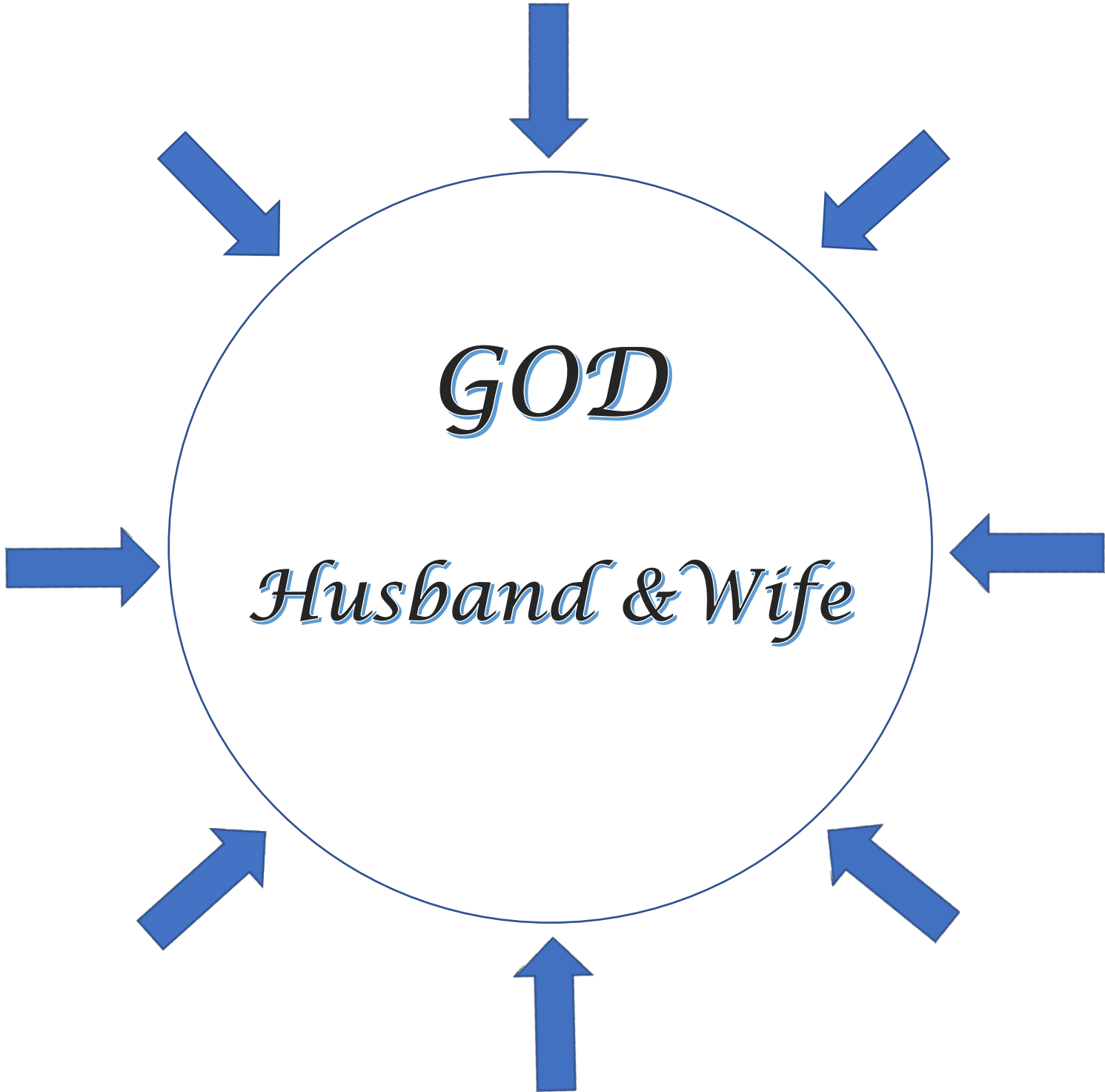
4) Some believe physical, emotional and spiritual abuse; spouse has left the marriage

# Jesus

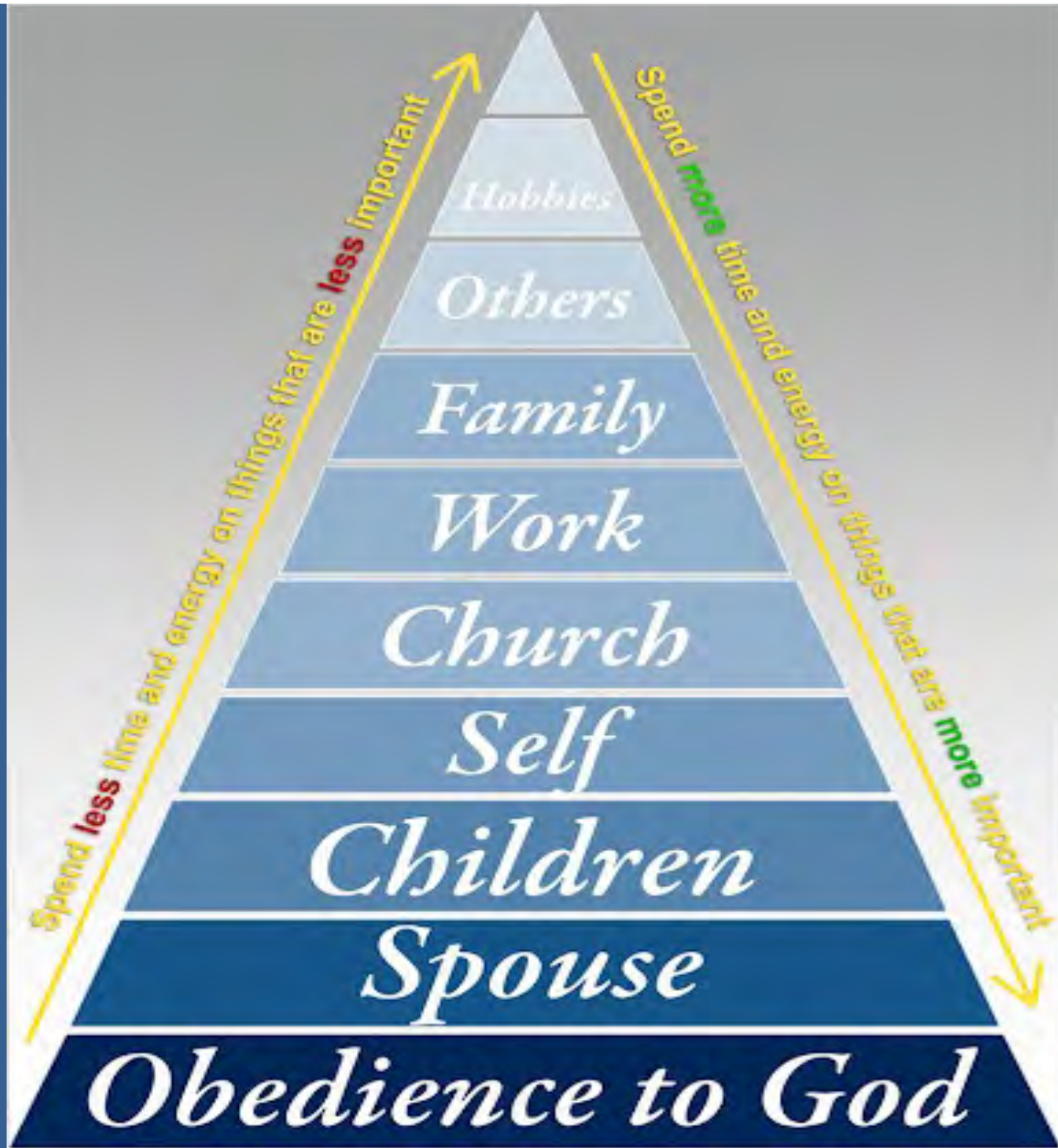
*Husband*

The  
closer  
you and your  
spouse get to  
Jesus, the closer  
you get to each other!

*Wife*







# KNOW YOUR GOD-GIVEN ROLE

## MEN:

Your marching orders - ***FROM GOD TO YOU*** – Ephesians 5: 25 and 28

Husbands are to nourish and cherish, provide for, and protect his wife ***SPIRITUALLY, EMOTIONALLY and PHYSICALLY!***

## MEN (cont.):

**This is sacrificial love** – put your wife *first* above *all* other interests in life

Be sensitive to her needs, feelings and fears – 1 Peter 3: 7

A woman's greatest fear:

to be treated as an object

A woman's greatest need:

to be loved and cared for

# KNOW YOUR GOD-GIVEN ROLE

## WOMEN:

Your marching orders - ***FROM GOD TO YOU*** – Ephesians 6: 22-23

Submit = “*hupotasso*” = to place under

To place under the headship of your husband and his leadership

## WOMEN (cont.):

**This will not be easy, remember Eve's curse – Genesis 3: 16**

- Pain in bringing forth children, and husband will rule over you
- This deals with a continual challenge in embracing the husband's leadership role
- The woman will have a desire to master her husband

## WOMEN (cont.):

She will have a desire to take over,  
to run over him and to master –

*She must resist!!*

**A woman must know a man's greatest  
fear:**

- 1) To be dominated, ruled over,  
mastered by a woman**
- 2) To be found inadequate**

Verse 33 - 37

**A Brief Comment on Oaths**

**This is meant to stop deceptive promises and oaths and to skirt around the truth**

**Jesus' followers are under oath at all times to tell the truth!**

***“But let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes’ and your ‘No’, ‘No’. For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.”***



## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

**As the people of God, we are different than the people of the world**

**Our marriages are under God and in submission to God**

**We do not give in to the world and its ways**

**We do not give in and give up; we fight for our marriages!**

# ***GOD'S STRUCTURE***

## **God's Plan**

**Husband**

**Wife**

**Children**

## **Many Families**

**Wife**

**Children**

**Husband**



## **Consequences**

**Conflict, stress**

**Tension, Confusion**

**Withdrawal,  
Passivity**

# Many Churches

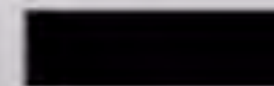
**Women  
Pastors**



**Women  
Elders**



**Wife  
Led  
Homes**



**We glorify and honor God!**


**We are a witness to the world when we OBEY God!**

**Carry out your role in marriage; *this glorifies God!***

**Your marriage can be a witness to the world!**

That the world may know that we  
are different, a peculiar people, the  
people of God!

***THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN WITH  
JESUS!!***



THAT THE  
WORLD  
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