

# Ephesians Series

Lesson #257

February 9, 2025

Dean Bible Ministries

[www.deanbibleministries.org](http://www.deanbibleministries.org)

© 2025, Dr. Robert L. Dean, Jr.

# How Do We Evaluate the Dance of Our Marriage?

Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:1–7



# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

# Gen. 3:15, The Aspect of the Judgment of Sin for Both the Woman and the Man

**General trend  
of women**

**Gen. 3:16, “... your  
desire shall be to  
control your  
husband,”**

Women trend  
toward wanting to  
be the leader

Solution: Submit  
to the leadership  
of the husband



**General trend  
of men**

**“But he shall  
domineeringly rule  
over you.” [~RD]**

Men trend toward being  
autocratic, as well as  
abdicated responsibility

Solution: Love  
your wife as Christ  
loved the Church

**Both reflect the core  
arrogant, “me first,”  
orientation of  
the sin nature.**

**The central issue: authority. The authority of God vs. the authority of the creature.**

**God: If you eat the fruit you will certainly die.**

**Satan: If you eat the fruit you won't die; you will be like God, like the Creator Himself.**

**Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.**

**Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”**

**1 Pet. 3:1, “Wives, in a similar way, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word [i.e., the gospel], they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, [RD]**

**1 Pet. 3:2, “when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.” [NKJV]**

**1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, by dwelling with them according to the standard of knowledge of God’s Word, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”**

**κατά *kata* Preposition  
(+acc) (+acc) according to  
a standard; here the  
standard is a knowledge  
of biblical teaching**

**γνῶσις *gnōsis*  
fem sing acc knowledge**

**συνοικέω *sunoikeō*  
pres act part masc  
plur nom  
to live with  
participle of means  
“by living with  
them”**

**1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, *by dwelling* with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”**

**τιμή *timē*  
acc fem sing  
respect, value,  
esteem**

**Eph. 5:33, “Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects [literally, “fears” i.e., respects] *her* husband.” [NKJV]**



**1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, *by dwelling* with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being **heirs together** of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”**

# Conclusion

**1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;**

**1 Pet. 3:9, “not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”**

# **Conclusion**

**The question then is: just how does this work?**

# The Doctrine of the Dance





<https://youtu.be/tn2mtxfQSRy?si=UVSvs9hbQfX7AiR6&t=127>

**FINAL**  
**PROFESSIONAL**  
**BALLROOM 2022**



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_Pc\\_a-WBSs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_Pc_a-WBSs)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P16TcZrKQJU>

## **Warning**

**Lam. 5:15, “The joy of our heart has ceased; Our dance has turned into mourning.”**



**1. Dancing involves teamwork with clearly defined rules and roles for each member of the team. In a similar way, so does marriage.**

**Eph. 5:22–33; Col. 3:18–4:1; 1 Peter 3:1–7**

**1. Dancing involves teamwork with clearly defined rules and roles for each member of the team. In a similar way, so does marriage.**

**Eph. 5:22–33; Col. 3:18–4:1; 1 Peter 3:1–7**

**Teamwork is defined as *a relationship between two individuals that is characterized by mutual cooperation and defined areas of responsibility and leadership directed to the achievement of a specified, common goal.***

**2. Two people cannot dance together without a common goal. Two cannot have a biblically successful marriage without making glorifying God their common goal.**

**Amos 3:3, “How can two walk together unless they are in agreement?”**

**2 Cor. 6:14, “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?”**

**3. Like any team, dancing has specifically defined roles for the two participants. In dancing, the male is the leader and the woman is the follower. This means the man initiates, plans, directs the movements of the woman.**

**Marriage is very similar.**

**4. In the dance, the leader and follower positions are not related to the skill level of the dancers. The male-leader may be less graceful and skilled than the partner, yet she yields to his leadership in grace.**

**The same is true in marriage!**

**5. In dancing, each person has specific footwork that must be learned and practiced in order to develop grace and fluidity. This demands thought and concentration. When emotion takes over, mistakes occur.**

**5. In dancing, each person has specific footwork that must be learned and practiced in order to develop grace and fluidity. This demands thought and concentration. When emotion takes over, mistakes occur.**

**In Christian marriage, each person has specific tasks and roles which they must learn and develop. It doesn't happen overnight.**

**6. In dancing, the male, through good leads and communication, can make his partner look graceful and keep her from making mistakes.**

**As a follower, the woman can make the man look more graceful and skillful than he actually is.**



**6. In dancing, the male, through good leads and communication, can make his partner look graceful and keep her from making mistakes.**

**As a follower, the woman can make the man look more graceful and skillful than he actually is.**

**The same is true of Christian marriage. The man who leads too strong is a tyrant and a bully and has no concept of grace, impersonal love, or humility. Usually weak and self-centered, operating on arrogance. Any man who ever hits a woman is a loser in life and failure in the marriage. The man who leads too weak will be run over by the wife, be nagged, manipulated, and made generally miserable.**

**7. The male, as the leader, plans and initiates the various moves. He must always be thinking 5 or 6 steps ahead. He must be thinking about where they are going on the dance floor, where other people are or obstacles might exist, and how to avoid them. He must maintain control because the woman cannot see where they are going.**

**8. In the dance the leader must learn and study his partner to know how to lead her effectively.**

**9. The man must learn to listen to his partner.**

**10. The woman must learn to communicate to the man without challenging his tender male ego.**

**11. The woman must learn to let the man lead and to make mistakes he can learn from.**

**12. The woman is unaware of where the man is going and of his plans. She must constantly be ready to respond and shift according to his lead. This means she must develop incredible amounts of flexibility.**

**13. The woman must continue to follow as best she can, no matter how faulty his leadership. If the man is a failure in his leadership, she can still be a success in her role.**



**14. Trouble starts when they quit thinking and start emoting, taking one another for granted and thinking things will just happen on their own. They won't. The moment you stop thinking you put everything in danger.**

**15. Success ultimately is based on consistency and practice. Many mistakes are made, but as long as the goal is kept by the two, it can be accomplished.**

**16. As the two work together, mutual respect and admiration develop. Confidence increases.**

**1 Cor. 10:31, “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P16TcZrKQJU>



[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m\\_Pc\\_a-WBSs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_Pc_a-WBSs)