

Home Sense – Uncommon Sense for Family Life  
**Part #2 – “Uncommon Care: Respecting one another”**

Sunday February 18, 2007 – Pastor Dave Larmour

Archie Bunker has no place in the church ... ☺

**\*Chauvinism and extreme Feminism are not biblical ideas!**

***“Husbands, in the same way be considerate (gnosis) as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you as the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayer.”*** (1 Peter 3:7)

*Q - What did Peter NOT mean when he said ‘weaker partner’?*

- ✓ Not a statement of inequality. (Genesis 1:27)
- ✓ Not a statement of intellectual inferiority.
  
- ✓ It was a statement of ‘social disadvantage’ (1 Timothy 2:9-15)
- ✓ It was a statement of ‘physical constitution.’
- ✓ It was a statement of relational partnership. (Genesis 2:22-23)

***Co-equals with unique roles ... Similar, but different!***

***“Man”*** in Hebrew is ***‘ish’***  
***“Woman”*** in Hebrew is ***‘isha’***

**TEXT – Ephesians 5:22 – 6:4**

A. **Wives** (Ephesians 5:22-24, 33b)

✓ **Voluntary submission** – we only understand submission when we embrace the idea of ‘headship.’

✓ **Mutual respect** – we only understand respect when we experience love.

B. **Husbands** (Ephesians 5:25-33)

✓ **Willing sacrifice** – we only expect co-operation when we ‘come under’ in order to ‘lift up.’

✓ **Unconditional love** – we only expect the privilege of leadership when we seek the ‘highest good’ of those we lead.

C. **Children** (Ephesians 6:1-3)

✓ Whole-hearted obedience (Exodus 20:12)

✓ Choose to honor / respect

D. **Parents** (Ephesians 6:4)

***“Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.”***

✓ Avoid ‘over’ disciplining your kids ...

- a. Unreasonable demands
- b. Petty rules / legalism
- c. Favoritism

✓ Invest in the relationship (Deuteronomy 6:7; 1 Samuel 3:13)