

SHOULD A WOMAN PROPOSE TO A MAN?

"For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, His body, of which He is the Savior" (Ephesians 5:23).

It has been a question of many as to whether it's right or wrong for women to propose marriage to men. Well, the Bible does not specifically states whether it's right or wrong for women to propose. However, the concept of men initiating the marriage proposal has some Biblical foundations.

First of all, God created men to be leaders of their wives and families. In the text above we are told that "the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church". If a man is the leader of his wife and family, then obviously his leadership should start from leading the proposal. How can a man lead a family if he can't lead a marriage proposal? A woman who initiates marriage proposal takes the place of a leader and has no excuse to complain of a man's lack of leadership after the marriage. If he can't propose, then there is higher probability he will fail his leadership role after marriage.

Another Scriptural foundation that supports the concept of men initiating proposal is because the marriage relationship is compared to the relationship between Christ and the Church (2 Cor. 11:2). 1John 4:19 says; "we love because He first loved us." So we notice in the Bible that it was Christ being the Leader and Husband who founded the church as His wife and not the other way round (Ephesians 5:25-27). If this is so, then men should follow the leadership of Christ to lead the marriage proposal.

Outside these Biblical foundations, it's also believed a woman proposing marriage may enable the man to take advantage of it to abuse her. It is an honour for a woman to be proposed to, don't pledge your life therefore to a man who can't even honour you by asking.

Now, it's the dog which supposes to chase the bone and not the other way round. However, the bone can be positioned where it will be visible to the suitable dog. It's the fish which is to go for the bait, but the bait can also be positioned to be visible to the desired fish. This implies that even though it appears inappropriate for a woman to propose to a man, with godly wisdom and modesty a woman can position herself to be visible to her suitable man for him to propose.