

# The Role of the Man in the Family

## The Home and Family: Part 2

### Introduction

1. A marriage based on godly principles is the key to a strong family.
2. Much weight is placed upon the shoulders of the husband to make sure that his family follows God's pattern.
3. As a leader, a husband, and a father the man in the family has great responsibility.
4. Many families fall apart because men do not step up and take the lead or they do not lead with the kind of love and care that they should.
5. In this lesson we are going to discuss the role of the man in the family according to God's plan so that men may know how to be the kind of leaders Christ would have them be.

### Discussion

#### I. The Man as a Leader

##### A. Lead like Christ: Eph. 5:23

1. Whether a man fulfills his responsibility or not, it still remains that the success or failure of the home rests upon his shoulders.
2. Lead by example: John 13:15; 1 Pet. 2:21
3. Loving leadership: Eph. 5:28-29
4. Sacrificial leadership: Eph. 5:25
5. Tender, caring leadership: 1 Pet. 3:7

##### B. Taking initiative: Josh. 24:15

1. Often men need to be coaxed into doing the things that need to be done.
  - a. The wife has to constantly pester for the husband to get anything done.
  - b. Spiritual leadership is often left up to the wife because they do not take the initiative.
2. But Joshua was able to say, "*As for me and my house...*" because he took the initiative as leader in his house.
3. Men, we need to be leaders in spiritual matters, guiding our families in the counsel of the Lord.
4. We need to make sure our family is serving the Lord, that children are learning of the Lord, and the wives are also being edified.
5. We need to set the example in prayer, both personal and public, in Bible study, in serving others etc.

#### II. The Man as a Husband

##### A. Head: Eph. 5:23

1. Not tyrant, "I am head, do what I say."
2. Rather, responsibility. The security and physical and spiritual wellbeing of the wife rests squarely upon the shoulders of the husband.

3. As the head of the body reacts to take care of those parts of the body that need care, so it is the responsibility of the Husband to make sure all needs are being met.
  4. As the head it is the responsibility to forego selfish desires in order to ensure that the wife is cared for in physical and spiritual matters.
  5. Head leads by example; gives his life for those whom he leads.
- B. Cherish, Nurture: Eph. 5:28-29
- C. Honor: 1 Pet. 3:7
- D. Submit to her needs: Eph. 5:21

### **III. The Man as a Father**

- A. Training of children responsibility of the father.
1. Eph. 6:4: Training your responsibility.
    - a. Mothers may spend the most time.
    - b. But the correction and “formal” training fathers responsibility.
    - c. Too many fathers not around.
    - d. They may be at home, but not spend time with children, not teach children how to work, not teach how to serve others, how to be devoted to the Lord.
  2. Heb. 12:9: Correction
    - a. Too many fathers afraid of correction. “Don’t want to drive them off.”
    - b. What drives children off is improper correction or no correction to begin with.
    - c. God says: Prov. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:15.
  3. Col. 3:21: Training, but not provoking to wrath.
  4. Eph. 6:4: Training and admonition.

### **IV. Men not Mice**

- A. Men in our culture often do not become the kind of leaders God intended.
1. Too busy with jobs.
    - a. What good is job to care for family when it causes the family to fall apart?
    - b. Balance between physical and spiritual providing.
  2. Too afraid, don’t know what to do.
    - a. Learn.
    - b. We step into this responsibility and we must follow through with our commitment.
  3. Preoccupied.
    - a. Some fathers are busy doing things for other people.
    - b. Serving is good, but not when family is neglected.
    - c. Training responsibility of father, therefore train children how to serve.
  4. Husbands, leave up to wives to care for house.
    - a. Responsibility can be shared.
    - b. Sign of laziness when husband not involved at all.
    - c. Irresponsibility when wife has to correct overspending or prod to get anything done.

- B. Step into leadership, but respect must be earned.
1. Men want families to respect them.
  2. But they must become someone that can be respected.
  3. Want the wife to submit? Then give her a reason to submit; earn her trust by showing that you can take care of her.
  4. Want the children's respect? Earn their respect not by demanding, but by leading by example, by holding yourself to same standard.

### **Conclusion**

1. Much responsibility on the shoulders of the man.
2. Role of leadership, but also of servant.
3. Must have the love and care and fear of God to step up and take control.
4. What kind of father are you?

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