

# Our Roles in our Family

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### Joshua 24:15 and Mark 3:23-25

*Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! <sup>15</sup> And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”* **Joshua 24:14-15**

*So He called them to Himself and said to them in parables: “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.<sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand.”* **Mark 3:23-25**

#### 1) Husbands

*<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup> that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup> that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.*

**Ephesians 5:25-29**

Ephesians 5 really places a lot of responsibility on the husband’s shoulders; it can only be done as we yield to Christ.

#### Men (not exhaustive list) we are to:

- **Love our wife as Christ leads and loves the Church.**

“The fact that she submits to you means that you have therefore the responsibility to take care of her and your leadership is to be servant leadership.” ~ **Adrian Rogers**

Example: QB and football team

- **Lead our families. Be the spiritual leader of our home.**

Women often lead out in our churches across America and in the home, and it is often because the men won’t step up.

Read God’s Word, Pray, memorize Scripture; have accountability in your life. Any man in America can be lazy, irresponsible and half-hearted these days, America is full of them. As a child of God men, he has much more for us. Will we follow?

Remember, the definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again.

“The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing”. ~ **Edmund Burke**

- **Admit when we are wrong.**

To the Lord, our spouse and our kids.

#### 2) Wives

*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. <sup>24</sup> Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.*

**Ephesians 5:22-24**

- **Submit** – This has become a bad word and almost a “demeaning word” in society today, especially in our politically correct culture.

It is Biblical and if understood from its Biblical grounds it is beautiful.

- Submission of wives to their husbands stems from the wife’s submission to Christ (Eph. 5:22).
- Submission of wives to their husbands is b/c the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church (Eph. 3:23).
  - Headship implies accountability and responsibility.
  - Headship implies the well-being of the body.
- Submission of wives to their husbands is to model the submission of the Church to Christ.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Gotquestions.org

If the man is doing His job (walking with God, listening to His wife, loving His kids, seeking God and serving) then submission most often flows from our spouses.

Submission is not, not telling your husband what you think, it is not him running over you, it is not him telling this is how it's going to be and you will like it. It is in the family, how God set it up, the man leading out, the women giving input, thoughts, prayerful communication and then the man making a decision.

- **Communicate.**

Tell your husband your needs, thoughts and input as you both seek the Lord.

- **Pray and love.**

### 3) Parents

- **Fear the Lord (walk with Him).**

*As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, too such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them.* **Psalm 103:15-18**

- **Take the Lead** (someone is looking to lead our kids, either we will, our schools will, their friends, will or the world will).

*Then Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed on the Lord with all his household. And many of the Corinthians, hearing, believed and were baptized.* **Acts 18:8**

Men, when we lead out it has an incredible effect on our family.

- **Train them in Godliness.**

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.*

**Ephesians 6:4**

- **It must be a lifestyle.**

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!" <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. <sup>6</sup> "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates." **Deuteronomy 6:4-8**

*Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.*

**Proverbs 22:6**

### 4) Children

- **Obey and honor your parents.**

*Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.*

**Exodus 20:12**

*A wise son makes a father glad, but a foolish man despises his mother.*

**Proverbs 15:20**

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth."*

**Ephesians 6:1-2**

Remember grandparent, aunts, uncles, etc. we play a large role in this as well.

*Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord.*

**Colossians 3:20**

### Prayer Focus:

- **As a husband, I would love my wife as Christ love the Church.**
- **As a wife, I would love and submit to my husband as the Church submits to the Lord.**
- **As parent(s), I would lead and love my kids to follow Jesus.**
- **As kids, I would obey my parents.**