

Husband and Wife Relationships, Part 1

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I. Introduction.

A. Husbands should develop habits of serving their wives regularly.

II. The husband is the leader of the household. (Ephesians 5:23-24)

A. The primary responsibility of a leader is the welfare for those he is under.

B. The second responsibility of a leader is to accomplish the goal for that group.

1. God desires that we have godly offspring.

2. We must take heed ourselves.

III. Principles of leadership.

A. Know your wife in order to look out for her welfare.

B. Keep your wife informed. Good communication builds morale.

C. Set an example (hospitality, honesty, etc).

D. Make sound decisions. (2 Corinthians 14:43, Romans 14:27)

E. Determine your wife's gifts and abilities and encourage them accordingly.

F. Seek your responsibility and take responsibility for your actions.

IV. Headship.

A. It is not dictatorship. It is a leadership of love.

B. It is not superiority and inferiority. It is equality before the Lord and functional differences.
(1 Corinthians 11:3)

C. It does not mean the husband makes all the decisions. This is where discussion and delegation comes in.

D. It does not mean the husband is always right. It simply means he is responsible.

E. It is never to be demanded.

Application questions:

1. What does a husband's leadership look like practically?

2. What are some limits on the husband's leadership?

3. Which three principles of leadership do you think are the most important? Give a reason for each.
