

The Husband's Role as Leader

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I. Introduction. (Ephesians 5:23-25)

II. A husband's responsibility as leader is to watch out for the welfare of those under him and to help them accomplish the objectives or mission God has given. (Psalm 78:70-72)

A. Objective 1: exemplify Christ in your home.

B. Objective 2: propagate the earth with godly offspring. (1 Thessalonians 2:18-19)

III. Principles for leadership by which husbands should operate. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 103)

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

B. Keep your wife informed. Husbands should take the initiative in communication.

C. Set the pace spiritually.

D. Make sound and timely decisions. (1 Corinthians 14:33; Romans 14:27; Acts 16:6-7; Philippians 4:6-7)

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

F. Seek 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. How would you break down the objectives for your home into more specific goals?

2. How can a husband determine God's direction for his home?

3. What are your wife's gifts and how can you encourage her in them?
