

The Husband's Role as Lover

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I. Introduction.

- A. Scripture memory is one of the most important ways of getting the Word of God in your life.
- B. It is easy to memorize Scripture. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- C. Scripture memory will change your way of thinking. (Romans 12:1-2)

II. Husbands are to exercise a leadership of love. (Ephesians 5:23-24, Psalm 78)

- A. He is to look out for the welfare of those under him.
- B. He is to accomplish the objective.

III. Suggested goals.

- A. Exemplify Jesus Christ in your home.
- B. Propagate the earth with godly offspring. (Malachi 2, 1 Thessalonians 2:18-19)

IV. Principles of leadership.

- A. Know your wife to look out for her welfare.
- B. Keep your wife informed.
- C. Set an example in your spiritual life.
- D. Make sound and timely decisions. (Psalm 32:8, 1 Corinthians 14:33, Romans 14, Philippians 4:6-7)
- E. Discover your wife's gifts and abilities and encourage her in them.
- F. Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your action.

V. Headship is not dictatorship. Headship is a leadership of love.

VI. Headship does not mean that the husband is superior. (1 Corinthians 11:3)

VII. Headship does not mean that the man makes all the decision. There is room for discussion.

VIII. Headship is not to be demanded. It works through love.

Application questions:

1. What are ways that you need to grow in your role as a husband?

2. What are some misconceptions about headship?

3. What key things would you tell a new believer about the responsibilities of a husband? Explain.
