

Effective Leadership in the Home

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I. Introduction.

- A. The role of the family starts with the role of the husband.
- B. The family is God's only visual aid of Christ and the church. (Ephesians 5)

II. Almost all the answers to the Bible and theology are in Jesus Christ. (Colossians 2:9-10, Isaiah 9:6)

- A. God has revealed Jesus in the Bible. (Revelation 19:13)
- B. The answers to effective leadership in the home are found in Jesus.
- C. The Bible is a book that can simply be understood by reading it.

III. Husbands are to love their wives as their own bodies.

A. The nature of love.

1. Love is a commandment. (John 13:35)
2. You do not fall in love - you choose it.
3. Love is a way. (1 Corinthians 12:31)
4. Love is a responsibility - you do not have to feel it.
5. Love is not puffed up nor is it provoked. (1 Corinthians 13)
6. Love never fails.

B. The husband is to love his wife and not be bitter against her. (Colossians 3:19)

C. The responsibilities of a husband.

1. A husband is responsible to live joyfully with his wife and not take her for granted.
2. A husband is to deal with his anger appropriately. (Psalm 38:8)
3. The Lord waits for us to take responsibility for our weaknesses.

D. The responsibility of the husband for the wife.

1. The husband is the head of the wife. This does not mean that the husband is better than the wife.
2. A husband is to be pure towards his wife. (Proverbs 2:19)

- a. A husband can be forgiven for transgressions.
- b. However he will have to suffer the natural consequences like David did for his sin.

E. Responsibilities are not to be shifted - a husband is to take responsibility for the home. (Genesis 3:17)

- 1. Discipline is the father's responsibility. (Ecclesiastes 8:11)
- 2. To not discipline our children properly is not to put God first. (1 Samuel 2:19, 3:13)
- 3. When the child is small, study with the child.
- 4. The husband is to take responsibility for public devotions.
- 5. The husband is the leader in the home.
- 6. We are to measure our personal progress in leadership and not compare ourselves to others. (2 Corinthians 10:12)

IV. Question and answer.

- A. If you need financial help for your responsibilities, you can find some.
- B. Responsibility is finally the husband's, but not all the details.
- C. It is a warped situation when a man wants to take over a woman's role and vice versa.
- D. The daughter relates to her father differently than the mother - this will happen naturally.

Application questions

1. What role does love play in the husband-wife relationship and how does it look?

2. What do you think the chief responsibility of a husband is? Why?

3. How can you explain biblical headship in light of the message? What Scripture could you use to support your view?
