



## Spiritual Leadership in Our Homes

Eph. 5:22-33 (read)

God has established the family as the basic unit in society.

Every family must have a leader, not a master or tyrant but the leader.

God has assigned the husband the responsibility of being the head of the house. His leadership is exercised in love, gentleness, and consideration for his wife's and kids feelings. –a good sp. leader does not insist on “having only his way”

According to Gen.3 and I Tim. 5, his leadership includes not only providing for his family with domestic needs but also spiritual needs as well.

He must be an absolute example of faithfulness to God, for his wife and his family, according to Matt.5.

We've got some God given responsibilities that we must give account for.

One purpose of these Men's Fellowship Meetings is to help us become better Men, better husbands, better fathers, better saints of God.

We men are the Sp. Protectors of our homes!

-we need to protect it against sin (careful TV or videos we watch, magazines we read) (guard your conversation and opinions)

We often hear that the Spiritual atmosphere of the Home is totally the wife's responsibility. This isn't true!!!

-they are responsible to keep things nice, comfortable but it's the

Man's part to make sure the HOME is spiritual and godly.

-the man needs to make sure the children are getting disciplined and being taught to respect (guard your tongue and your attitude)

We need to love our wife but love is not allowing her to control the finances or control the disciplining of the children or run the house.

-they need to be part of it all but the man is the “head”

-she may pay the bills and spank the kids more than you but the man is accountable to God to make sure its done right.

-don't allow the wife to run the credit cards up

(I know of a family that every time they got into a spat, the wife went out and charged things on the cards just to make the husband mad. That marriage ended up in divorce.)

We need to take control of our spending.

-put the needs of our family over the “toys” we like so much.

### In home examples of prayer and fasting!

-teach our kids what fasting is and the benefits

- pray more than just over the meals (school, sickness, problems)
- personal devotion (let kids see you reading your Bible/ let them hear you pray)
- let your family participate in sacrificial giving.

### **Example In Giving:**

- help kids fill out their tithe envelopes
- let them go to the grocery store and deliver food to needy
- let them know what your family is doing for someone else in need

### \*Important to have Family Discussion Times

-where you listen more than you talk (we men like to make rules and pass judgments but we need to stop and listen)

-Do you know more about the Sports Stats than you do your wife or children's needs?

### \*Important to have Family Devotions before the Kids go to bed!

-read a story, tell each other about what God did that day (10 min)

### **In public**

I Tim. 2:8 "I will therefore that men pray every where lifting up holy hands, w/o wrath and doubting"

#### Holiness is being submissive to God!

Ladies show their holiness more thru their dress, hair more than men do.

Men show their holiness by their worship, lifting hands in praise in public.

-giving God the glory, worshiping him, praying at the altar

-let your family see you submitting yourself to God and honoring him in public.

Acts 5:1-11 (read) Who's fault was this tragedy? The church? The pastor?

-It was Ananias fault! The Husband!

-his lack of integrity of not paying his tithes

-is lack of spiritual leadership caused both of them to die

Gen. - Adam should not have taken the fruit and eaten it off the tree like Eve did.

-they were thrown out of the Garden/Paradise because he loved to please his wife more than obey God and his word.

\*He should have loved Eve enough to remind her of Gods Word.

-loving your wife and kids is not letting them do whatever they want.

-they need leadership! Godly leadership!

When you think of the most wicked woman in the Bible, who do you think of? Jezebel!

-her husband was Ahab!! He was afraid of his wife!

-it was his fault she got away with all she did

. He should have loved her enough and had enough of God in him to lead her, control her.

- He was a bad example and allowed her to run and ruin their lives.
- He was suppose to be the example of a Godly King for all of Israel to follow.

I Kings 16:29-30,33 (read)

-she decorated herself like a prostitute with make-up and worldly dress.

-she ordered the death of preachers

-she persecuted the people of God until finally there was a show down between Ahab and Elijah on Mt. Carmel.

-Ch. 18 She put out a contract to kill Elijah

In the end: Ahab was held accountable by God for his wife's actions

(I Kings 22:34-38 read)

We've got the three A's

- Adam,
  - Anianais
  - and Ahab
- they were all held accountable for their lack of Sp. leadership

### **Closing:**

When you take charge of your home with love and tenderness, your home is much more enjoyable to come home to.

- Let's be leaders!
- Let's be the Men of God, God designed us to be!
- Let's be example of righteousness and holiness in our worship and giving.
- **Let's be Spiritual leaders!**