

STUDENT HANDOUT — Seminar 5, Session 3

Becoming the Biblical Head of Your Home

INTRODUCTION

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:23, 25-27; I Corinthians 11:3, 8-9

I. God Declares the Head as the Proper _____ For Leadership.

A. God is the head of _____.

B. Christ is the head of _____.

C. Man is the head of _____.

II. There are Three Important Biblical Mandates Concerning Being the Head.

A. As the head you are assigned the _____ role.
I Corinthians 11:3; Colossians 1:18

C. As the head you are delegated the _____.
Colossians 2:10; Ephesians 1:22-23

D. As the head you bear the _____.
Colossians 2:19; Ephesians 4:15,16

* Therefore “By God’s design, the husband is the head of the wife and lovingly exercises his delegated authority.

III. God Made the _____ for the Husband to be the Head of the Wife.
Ephesians 5:23,24

There are at least four ways roles may be defined:

A. By our _____.

B. By other _____.

C. By our own _____.

D. By God’s own _____.

Raymond C. Ortlund said, “As the head the husband bears the primary responsibility to lead their partnership in a God-glorifying direction. Under God, a wife may not compete for that primary responsibility. It is her husband’s just because he is the

husband, by the wise decree of God. The ideal of 'equal rights' in an unqualified sense is not Biblical."

David DeWitt said, "A wife needs to put 100 % into her unique role, too, but zero percent of her role is leadership."

IV. There Are Four Biblical Principles the Head Must Follow.

A. The head of the home must be an active leader who lovingly _____ and _____ for his family.

1. To rule the home means _____ and care for the family. I Timothy 3:2, 4-5

2. To provide for the home means to _____ to meet the family's needs. I Timothy 5:8

a. It is the husband's responsibility to make sure of the economic success of the home.

b. The husband must plan conservatively.

c. He is not to delegate his responsibility to someone else, including his wife.

3. Look at the "headship continuum."

Abusive

Autocratic

Authoritarian

Authentic

Apathetic

Absent

Abandon

B. The head of the home must lead with _____ and by giving _____.

1. When a husband practices lording it over his wife then he abuses his personal _____. Mark 10:42-45

2. When a husband exercises authority over his wife then he abuses his personal _____ . Mark 10:42-45

3. When a husband leads with understanding it means he will have intimate _____ about his wife. I Peter 3:7

4. When a husband leads by giving honor to his wife this means he will value her through portions of _____ .

“Moreover Christ does not lead the church as his daughter but as his wife. He is preparing her to be a ‘fellow-heir,’ not a servant girl. Any kind of leadership that in the name of Christlike headship tends to produce in a wife personal immaturity or spiritual weakness or insecurity through excessive control or picky supervision or oppressive domination has missed the point of the analogy in Ephesians 5. Christ does not create that kind of wife.” by John Piper

C. The head of the home must submit to God’s primary call to be his wife’s head and to devote himself to her above _____, _____, _____, _____, or _____. Ephesians 5:25-29

What would your wife say is the most important thing in your life?

D. The head of the home must be the spiritual leader who nurtures his wife to become _____, _____, _____. Ephesians 5:25-27

1. For my wife to be blameless means she is without fault in _____ and _____.

2. For my wife to be holy means she is separated from _____ and consecrated to _____.

3. For my wife to be glorious means she is held in high _____ and radiantly _____.

V. Five Steps We Can Take to Improve Our Role as Head.

A. _____ and _____ God regularly that He has called you to be the head of your wife. As you lead her, “do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men.” Colossians 3:23

B. You must _____ for your own spiritual life and the spiritual lives of your wife and family. Ephesians 5:25-27

1. You read the Bible every day.
2. Specifically pray for your wife every day.
3. Pray for your wife's goals and dreams.
4. Pray with her concerning her struggles and challenges.
5. Pray for her spiritual walk and growth.
6. You must attend church regularly.
7. You should serve the Lord gladly every day.

C. If you feel inadequate, fearful or anxious about your role as head, then rely on the Scriptures to help you _____ your feelings.

1. If you feel inadequate overcome through James 1:4-8.
2. If you have fear, II Timothy 1:7 will help you overcome.
3. If you have feelings of anxiety, you can overcome through Philippians 4:6,7.

D. Seek the counsel of godly, mature married men for _____ and _____. Proverbs 15:22; 11:14; 18:1

E. _____ your role as head in your wife's life.

1. Be her protector – look out for her that no harm will come upon her.
2. Be her provider – understand and provide for her needs.
3. Be her point man – lead her in the direction she must go.
4. Be her problem-solver – take a special interest in helping her overcome her problems.
5. Be her physician – when wounded or discouraged.
6. Be her priest – her connection with God.
7. Be her prince – make her feel like a princess.

CONCLUSION

Remember Christ's love for the church is His model for leadership.

Husband: I commit to you that I will respond to God's call on my life to be your head. I ask for your forgiveness for the times I have failed you and not been the head that the Lord expects me to be. I hereby pledge to be an active leader who serves you with an understanding and gentle Spirit.

Wife: I commit to you that I will respond to God's call on my life to follow you as my head. I ask for your forgiveness for the times I have struggled against you as my head and therefore not pleased the Lord. I hereby pledge to give you my respect and follow you as my head.