

# THE HUSBAND'S LEADING ROLE – #2

## INTRO

First Timothy 3:4,5 – Lead - To stand before and lead; to preside over; to attend to, indicating care and diligence. There is a leading role in the authority/responsibility in the home given to the husband. The leadership in the home helps to qualify a man for leadership in the church. There are four main areas the husband is to be the family leader in: **Providing, Preparing, Protecting, and Pacesetting.**

### I. Family Leader in Providing.

- A. This is a sacred responsibility but also a moral obligation 1 Timothy 5:8.
- B. A man providing and working is spiritual. Work is not some secular activity. It is supposed to be an extension of our Christian walk, not isolated from it. We are not to separate God out of any area of life, but whatever we do we are to do it wholeheartedly as unto the Lord Colossians 3:23,24.
- C. Work is the first attribute about God we learn. In Genesis chapters 1 and 2, we see Him as the creator at work; and the first command He gave the first husband made in His image involved work Genesis 1:28 – be fruitful; Genesis 2:15 – dress: labor and work; keep: guard and protect.
- D. It is a gift from God to work and enjoy work Ecclesiastes 5:12.

### II. Family Leader in Preparing.

- A. God planned an orderly society – one in which He could reveal Himself. The man is the primary person in the family to create and maintain that order Ephesians 6:4.
  1. Nurture - Training; correction; discipline.
  2. Admonition - Instruction.
- B. Moses realized the key to the natural life of Israel was men teaching and talking of the ways of God to their families Deuteronomy 6:2-9; 11:18-21.
  1. Teach and talk v. 6 - When you sit, walk, lie, rise (like a 24-hour-a-day job). It means to bring God into all of life.
  2. It does not necessarily mean the sit-down session, family devotional, or the "big talk," but as you go about living life.
- C. Key to a godly society – fathers bring God into all of life. To do that you must:
  1. Love God with all your heart v. 5.
  2. Keep His Word in your heart v. 6.
  3. Fill your children's life with the same v. 7.

### III. Family Leader As Protector.

- A. Bethel was a place of divine revelation, consecration, and purity Genesis 35:1-5. As they journeyed, his family collected idols and strange gods and they were not ready to meet God. God not only wanted Jacob in the place where He could speak to him but also his whole household. Until our children are old enough and wise enough to distinguish what is harmful and what is not, we must run a line of defense for them.
- B. It was the man of the house God gave responsibility to carry out sprinkling the blood on the door Exodus 12.
- C. We are to be like a squad leader on a battlefield with a mine detector. The basic failure of Adam in the garden was his failure to protect.
- D. Protect what they watch, how they respect authority, how they talk to adults, their attitudes. We need to protect their innocence also from the filth of the world.

#### **IV. Family Leader As Pacesetter of the Spiritual Life.**

- A. Abraham was entrusted with the privilege of affecting future generations. God wanted the spiritual life given to Abraham to be perpetuated from generation to generation Genesis 18:19.
- B. Whenever God revealed Himself, He always identified Himself as the God of the previous generation's father:
  - 1. Isaac Genesis 26:24.
  - 2. Jacob Genesis 32:9.
  - 3. Moses Exodus 3:6.
  - 4. Joshua - Joshua 1.
- C. The husband and father was God's instrument to set the pace out in front, leading his family – like a pace car at the Indy 500.
  - 1. Out in front leading at the beginning of the race.
  - 2. Pace car guarantees everyone in the race receives a fair start.
  - 3. Pace car ensures all the cars are in right position, moving at the right speed.
  - 4. When the pace is properly fixed, he gets out of the way. He is only in front for a while.
  - 5. Only other time he comes out and takes a lead is in a crisis, danger, accident (yellow flag).
- D. Husbands need to pay the price early and up front while there is more hope, because there is a time when hope diminishes Proverbs 19:18.