

God's Plan for Husbands

Text: Ephesians 5:22-33

Introduction:

A. Man is intended to fill the role of leadership and guidance and to provide for the welfare of his household. Manhood reaches its highest richness and glory in the happy fulfilling of these responsibilities.

B. What is God's plan for man in his role as husband?

I. "head of the wife" (**LEAD**) - Ephesians 5:22-24

A. This does not mean:

1. men are superior to women. - 1 Corinthians 11:3
2. men should physically punish their wives. - Ephesians 5:23

B. Headship is a duty rather than a privilege. - e.g., 1 Timothy 5:8,14; Ephesians 6:4

1. If the man abdicates his headship, the family will be adversely affected.
2. The husband cannot be gone constantly and discharge this responsibility.

C. While decisions concerning the home are the responsibility of the husband, he should counsel with his wife. - 1 Timothy 5:14 (He should not tell her how to keep house.)

II. "love your wives" - Ephesians 5:25-33

A. **LEAVE** parents (Forsake anything but the Lord for her.) - Ephesians 5:31; Matthew 10:34-37

B. **CLEAVE** to the wife. - Ephesians 5:31

1. Please her, not himself. - 1 Corinthians 7:3-5,33
2. Recognize his need for her. - 1 Corinthians 11:11-12
3. Be jealous only in a godly sense (possessive but not suspicious). - 2 Corinthians 11:2; Song of Solomon 8:6
4. Seek her good. - Ephesians 5:28-29
5. Do not be bitter. - Colossians 3:19
6. Be faithful to her. - Hebrews 13:4
7. Understand her. - 1 Peter 3:7

Conclusion:

When a young lady marries, she, in a very real sense, commits the keeping of her life to the young man she loves and trusts. He is her head and guide. Husbands need to be sure they are worthy of that love and trust. It is an awesome responsibility.