

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S DIVINELY DESIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE HUSBAND TOWARD HIS WIFE AND FAMILY (Ephesians 5:22-32; Colossians 3:19; 1 Peter 3:7)

- What is the hardest part of being a godly husband?

### I. THE HUSBAND IS THE LEADER OF THE HOME (Eph. 5:23-24; 1Cor. 11:3)

- A. God declares the **“HUSBAND IS THE HEAD OF THE WIFE.”**
- B. God declares the **WIFE BE SUBJECT TO HER OWN HUSBAND.**

### II. FALSE MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT THE “HEADSHIP” OF THE HUSBAND

- A. Headship does not mean the husband is to be a **DICTATOR.**
- B. Headship does not imply the superiority of the husband, but his **FUNCTIONAL DIFFERENCE** in marriage.
- C. Headship does not mean the husband is the exclusive decision-maker without **DELEGATION** and **DISCUSSION.**
- D. Headship does not mean the husband is always right, but it does mean he is always **RESPONSIBLE** for his family.
- E. Headship is never to be **DEMANDED** or **COMMANDED** by the husband.

\* What comes along with the husband's authority?

### III. GOD'S DESIGNED RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE HUSBAND (Eph. 5:22-32; Col. 3:19; 1Pet. 3:7)

As head of the home ...

#### A. A Husband LEADS HIS HOME. (Ephesians 5:22-24)

1. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ grows spiritually. (Titus 2:1-2, 6-8)

\* What is needed for this to practically occur on a daily basis?

2. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ his home. (1Tim. 3:4-5, 12-13)

\* What is the husband's authority limited by?

3. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ for his home. (1Tim. 5:8; 1Pet. 3:7)

\* What is the husband responsible and accountable for in his home?

4. A husband \_\_\_\_\_ his wife. (Eph. 5:25-29, 32; Col. 3:19)

5. A husband meets the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of his wife. (1Cor. 7:1-5; 1Pet. 3:7)
6. A husband gives \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ to his family. (1Cor. 14:34-35; 1Tim. 2:9-15)
7. A husband \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the children. (Deut. 6:5-9; Eph. 6:1-4; Col. 3:20-21; 1Tim. 3:4, 12; Titus 1:6)

\* Is God's grace sufficient for all these leadership responsibilities to be true in your marriage and home?

## B. A husband LOVES HIS WIFE. (Ephesians 5:25-29)

1. The **meaning** of love – “agape” = \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Where do “philia” and “eros” love come in?

2. The **regularity** of love – it is to be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What does this mean practically?

3. The **importance** of love – it is a \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord.

\* Why is this imperative and not optional?

4. The **elements** of love – it is primarily \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\* How does love differ from infatuation?

5. The **nature** of love – it is \_\_\_\_\_, not \_\_\_\_\_.

\* What is this in contrast to?

6. The **example** of love – it is \_\_\_\_\_.

\* How has Christ's love been demonstrated to us?

\* How is Christ's love being demonstrated to us? (5:26-29)