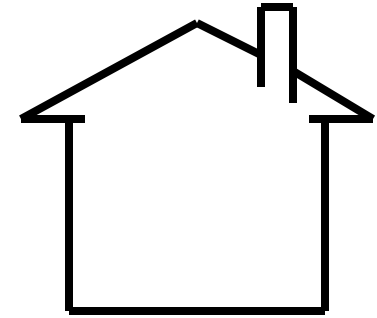


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3rd Session

Agenda:

- Introduction
- God's role in the Family
 - The power to have and sustain a Christian home
 - The principle for faithful family leaders
 - Practically – how should the end product (the Christian home) appear?
- What is the role of the Husband and dad?



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□ Quick Review:

- The home is under assault. Even a casual look statistically (last session we looked at statistics) show just how horrific the evidence of problems.
- God Himself wisely formed the family as one of the three institutions of man (family, government, church).
- The family was designed by God (and that design is clearly defined in His Word) to accomplish His glory on the earth.
- The family was decreed and formed by God before the fall but to counteract the affects of the fall.
- Man's condition in sin must be constantly kept in mind as we study the home!



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☐ God's role in the Family

○ The power to have and sustain a Christian home:

▪ Psalm 127:1-5

- Builds the house – referring not to the structure, but the success of the family. Everyone is building their home – relationships, integrity, stability, quality, longevity, and value.
- Guards the house – lit – protects and preserves. This is the responsibility of the leader of the home, and how can he best do this? How can he have a successful family that is protected?
- Unless – idea is that it is entirely in the hands of God. How contrary this is to most thinking.
- Notice the adjectives used to describe the effort outside of God building and guarding – vain, rise up early, retire late – no matter how much effort or energy it will not be successful. Painful – when God is not in the picture, as contrasted with He gives His beloved sleep – rest.
- Children – spoken of as a gift, and as a blessing – however, this is only in the context of the Lord building the house. Children are a blessing when they grow up righteous (3 John 4).



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☐ God's role in the Family

○ The principle for faithful family leaders:

▪ Psalm 112:1-3

- Vs 1 – his character and commitment (fears the Lord, delights in His commandments)
- Vs 2-3 – his reward:
 - descendants mighty on the earth – will be valiant, powerful in the faith (as shown from next sentence of the upright) – same word used of David's "mighty men" in 2 Sam 10:8
 - generation of the upright will be blessed – they will be a blessing to the next generation
 - wealth and riches are in his house – the word "wealth" means sufficient or enough, and "riches" possessions, physical blessings – their needs will always be met
 - righteousness endures forever – true faith, continue in the things of God, and ultimately have eternal life

Point: Contrast with Ex 34:7 – God's judgment on the sins of the father's to their son's.



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☐ God's role in the Family

○ Practically – how should the end product (the Christian home) appear:

- A dad and mom who are known as dedicated first and foremost to the Lord
- A dad and mom who are working together to accomplish a home environment of:
 - Uncompromising devotion to the Word of God (Titus 1:9).
 - Devotion and commitment to the church - God's local assembly in this dispensation (Eph 5:25; Col 1:24; 1 Thess 2:8; 1 Tim 3:15).
 - Conversation, interest, time, energy, and effort in the things of God (Mat 6:21; Titus 1:8).
 - Obedience to the will of God in all matters of life (Mat 7:16; Gal 5: 22-24; Titus 1:6-7).
 - Submissive children that are well managed and under control (1 Tim 3:4).

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☐ God's role in the Family

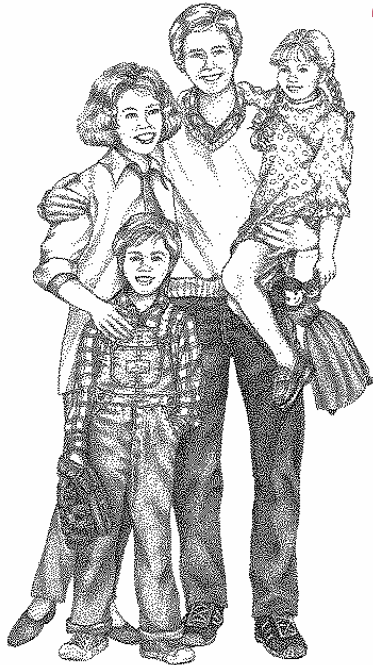


As you seek to construct your family, what must always be in the mind and attitude is:

- God is God and I belong to Him
- My purpose & the purpose of my family is to glorify Him.
- He has an absolute right to determine my home philosophy
- Whatever the Word declares about my home is my priority
- I & my home are committed to Him
- Any success must come thru Him

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□ Making a Christian Home



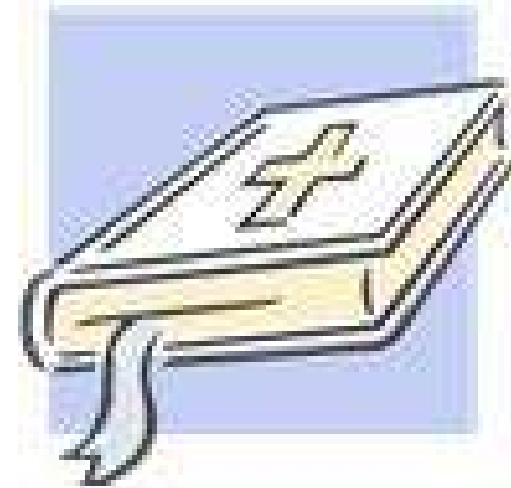
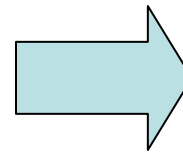
“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?” Psalm 11:3

We have already seen from Psalm 127 “that unless the Lord builds the house they labor in vain who build it” an analogy of the home – not the structure, but the environment of stability and blessing through the husband, wife, and children and their overall true ultimate success. Knowing this and being committed to serving God, seeking His wisdom, and trusting His ways is the starting point for any Christian home. In order to function so that the home is being constructed according to God’s plan requires knowing the revealed will of God for each family member. Just as Christ has a role within the Godhead, He has designed the family so each person in the family has a role, and God has determined with precise measure those roles, their purpose, and how each must function.

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□ Making a Christian Home

So the Christian home must be built according to a precise plan...



God's plan! The only plan that will be successful!

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□ What is the role of the husband and dad?

- This is the primary meaning of man being made in the image of God (Gen 1:26; 28). If he is to rule on the earth, he certainly must begin by ruling at home (1 Tim 3:4-5). A dad and mom who are known as dedicated first and foremost to the Lord.
 - “Rule” – this word in the Hebrew means to dominate, have dominion – the meaning is to govern, be in charge, responsible, and in command.
 - “Rule” – this word “proistemi” in the Greek means to put before, set over, manage – it is the same word used for “manage” in 1 Tim 3:12 (manage) regarding the home, and also 1 Tim 5:17 (rule) regarding elders in the church.
- It is specific and primarily to the male because of the order of creation (1 Tim 2:11-15).
- There is a distinctive role for men and women based on God’s order (1 Cor 11:7-9; Eph 5:23).





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- What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued

“The ultimate and telling proof that equality and submission may coexist in glorious harmony is found in the mediatorial mission of the Son of God, ‘God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God’ (Nicaea), who completed it in the true liberation of submission to His Father (John 8:21-47; 1 Cor 15:24-28; 11:3).” S L Johnson



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- **What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued**
 - **It was delineated as specific to the male, or husband through the decrees of God after the fall of Adam and Eve into sin (Gen 3:16).**
 - **This ruling is to be benevolent (Eph 5:25; 6:4; 1 Pet 3:7).**
 - **What happens in the home when the man does not rule his home well?**
 - **Jacob – Gen 33-35 – conniving (Gen 33); treacherous sons (Gen 34); idolatry (Gen 35:2); incest (Gen 35:22); polygamy (Gen 35:23-26).**
 - **Jacobs son’s plot to kill their own brother (Gen 37:3-4 – leading to Gen 37:18-35)It is specific and primarily to the male because of the order of creation (1 Tim 2:11-15).**
 - **Eli and his wicked sons (1 Sam 2:12-17; 22-24).**
 - **Nabal (1 Sam 25:3;17;25;36-38).**
 - **Ahab (1 Kings 21:25).**
 - **Solomon and his polygamist marriages (1 Kings 11:3-4).**
 - **Abraham with Sarah’s suggestion (Gen 16:1-4).**



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- ❑ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued
 - Good examples of ruling well:
 - David with Michal (2 Sam 6:16-23).
 - Job with his wife (Job 2:9-10).
 - **To be the Spiritual Leader of the home:**
 - When one thinks of leadership the first thought is someone bossing others around, or giving orders – that is not the way of biblical leadership (Mat 20:20-28)
 - Mat 20:25 – there is to be no lording it over others (rule by intimidation, bullying).
 - Mat 20:26 – to be a biblical leader one must be like Christ. He must become servant minded. That is willing to do anything for the benefit of others. He puts others first, not himself. He is willing to sacrifice personal needs, wants, aspirations, time, money, and desires for the sake of his family.

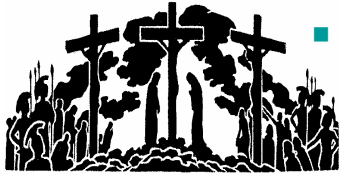
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□ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued



- **John 13:1-15 – the example of Jesus Christ who was willing to do the lowest job. A job or task totally unfitting with who He is, yet He did it to set the example of what it means to be a leader – that the leader must be willing to sacrifice Himself. The leader of the home must sacrifice himself for his family.**

- **The idea of sacrificial leadership is seen best from Eph 5:23-25 as compared with Phil 2:6-8.**

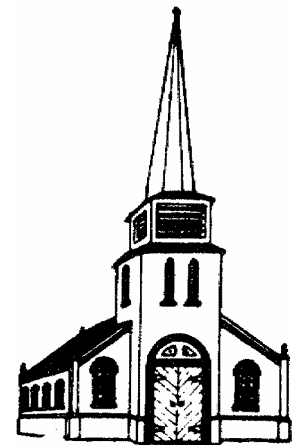
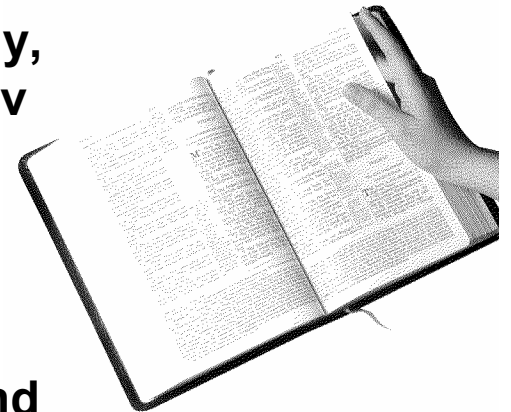


- **Jesus is the head of the church, just as the man is the head of the wife and family (Eph 1:22-23), and yet as the head, He gave himself for the church giving the example that the man is to give himself for his family.**
- **This giving of self is complete, real, and purposeful according to the best interest of the family.**
- **Spiritual leading requires absolute commitment to Christ (Gen 18:19; Josh 24:15; 1 Thess 1:9; Luke 4:8).**

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□ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued

- Spiritual leading requires a commitment to the Word of God to teach it thoroughly, unreservedly, and continuously to the family (Deut 6:6-12; Prov 2:1-5; Eph 6:4). This further means the leader must be able to rightly divide the Word (2 Tim 2:15), and able to defend the Word (1 Tim 3:2; Titus 1:9).
- Spiritual leading requires a commitment to attend and be actively committed to a local assembly where the truth of God is taught, and sincere worship takes place (Heb 10:25). This is both for personal development and ability to lead (1 Tim 4:16), and as an example to the family (1 Cor 11:1; Phil 3:17; 2 Thess 3:7; 1 Tim 6:12).
- Spiritual leadership requires a continual prayer commitment on behalf of the family (Job 1:5; 1 Tim 2:8; 1 Thess 5:17; Col 1:9).



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□ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued

- **To be his wife's lover:**



- The type of love the husband must show to his wife is first and foremost sacrificial (Eph 5:25). It is genuine biblical love, not mere emotional or self-centered as is often thought of as physical in our society.
- The husband is to love his wife as himself (Eph 5:28; 33). Each person naturally loves themselves and takes care of themselves – their wants, desires, concerns, pains, needs, etc.. He naturally, carefully, thoroughly, timely, and fervently takes care of his own person. The same degree of love (and more as Christ gave up all this) is required in relation to the wife, and the family.

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❑ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued

- **To be his wife's lover:..continued.**

- The husband should be His wife's best friend (other than Christ). They should be heirs together of the grace of life (1 Pet 3:7). She needs to know that other than Christ she has first place in her husband's life. She should know that she comes before all others (children, parents, friends), and before business, hobbies, sports or anything.

- The husband should treat his wife with chivalry. He should be tender, respectful, and courteous. He should treat her as something precious and valuable (1 Pet 3:7; Prov 31:28).

- The husband should be a physical lover according to the directions and example given in God's Word (1 Cor 7:1-5; Song of Solomon). This kind of love is intimate, tender, sacrificial, and appropriate. It is also discreet and personal between the married couple and should not be shared with anyone. The marriage bed is sacred.



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□ What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued

- **To be the principle provider for the home:**

- Those who do not provide are considered worse than an unbeliever (1 Tim 5:8).
- Parents save for their children (2 Cor 12:14).
- Responsibility for personal provision (2 Thess 3:6-12).
- God decreed from the fall (Gen 3:17).



- **To be the protector of the home:**

- As the protector and thereby provider, he must as much as possible establish a secure environment, and seek to provide for his family and their well-being in his absence or death (Eph 5:28; Mat 12:29).



- **To be the principle administer of discipline:**

- The husband and father is not to ignore, or push off to his wife the responsibility of maintaining righteous equity, and reverence for God in the home (Eph 6:4; Heb 12:7-11).

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- What is the role of the husband and dad?..continued
 - **To be the principle administrator of discipline:..continued.**
 - He must be proactive to nip rebellion appropriately when it is identified (Prov 13:24; 19:18; 22:15; 23:13; 29:15).



**There is the
recognition of sin,
and the long term
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