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living through God, you are carrying out His purpose for you. By having a true and faithful relationship with your Lord, your colleagues will know your intentions are heartfelt and good.

John 10:11, Good leaders must never forget they are servants who understand Jesus gave his life for his flock. You, too, must serve at work and never forget you are there to look out for your “flock” and serve others. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep.

Peter 5:1-3 Oversee your workers and be a role model to them, so they will behave and work as your example has shown. Do not lead for dishonest gain or to promote your status over your underlings. Serve others because you want to and be an example to your staff. The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed.

Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords

over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock.

Corinthians 11:1 “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” A good leader shows others the way and does not harshly criticise or insult when mistakes are made.

Ezekiel 34:16 “I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment.” Lead with c o m p a s s i o n , encouragement and patience. If employees feel lost or have a crisis of faith in their work, lead them back to confidence and certainty.

Proverbs 3:12 For whom the Lord loves He corrects. When an employee makes a mistake, correct with constructive criticism, not hurtful, belittling words that will only instil fear and anxiety in the employee. Some of the best work is performed after guidance has been provided. Positive reinforcement will yield much better results than negative feedback.

Thessalonians 5:14-15 Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the

fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all. See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all. An effective leader will give his workers authority to set and accomplish their own goals. A sense of ownership of good work is crucial in providing incentive to do further good work. Acknowledge and reward when goals are met, both large and small.

Matthew 15:14 Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch. Those who fail to lead will have nobody following them. You cannot lead if there is no one behind you. You cannot merely assume your underlings are following you. Turn back and make sure you are not in a “blind leading the blind” situation.

Colossians 3:13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. A good leader will forgive and move on.

Hebrews 13: 5-6 Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you

have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you. So we may boldly say, the LORD is my helper, I will not fear. What can man do to me? A leader must have confidence in Christ.

Leadership in the Home - A Godly Man Leads

A husband is called to lead his wife. Though this is an unpopular statement in this day and in this culture, it is one that Christians must affirm. Male headship is taught so clearly in Scripture that to deny it leaves us prone to fall into any number of other radically false teachings. If we can read the Bible and walk away denying male headship, we can walk away denying any doctrine that offends our sensibilities.

The godly husband is to lead his family. You are to lead your family. Though some may assume that this is a kind of leadership that depends on fear and dominance, the Bible teaches something very different. When speaking of male headship, the Bible gives us the ultimate example of ultimate leadership. "For the

husband is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Saviour (Eph. 5:23). The husband is the head of his wife in the way that Christ is the head of his church.

And what does leadership mean? Did Christ lead the church? Was it by authority? Was it domineering? Was it by force? Was it by compulsion? Christ led with so much love that he never laid a hand on anyone, anything, or anyone. He loved the church so much that he gave himself more precious blood so that he could purify it so that it would be

This, Christ is the model of a godly husband. As a godly husband, you are to lead your family in a way that is faithful to Scripture, you will study the way Christ loved the church and you will seek to imitate your Savior. You are called to lead: in leadership, in worship, as a father and as a husband. I will focus most attention on the final one of these.

LEAD IN LEADERSHIP

There are different areas or levels of leadership within the family structure. The wife leads areas of the family and older children may assume leadership in some areas. In a household that includes in laws or non family members there may be more levels of leadership even than that. But as husband you are the leader of leaders. You are responsible for overall direction, vision, leadership of the family. The buck stops with you. We see this, for example, in **1 Timothy 3:12** where we find among the qualifications for a deacon that he must manage his children and his household well. He manages well by leading well.

This is more a responsibility than it is a privilege (see **Matthew 20:26-28**). This is an opportunity for you to serve your family through godly, servant leadership and not an opportunity for you to lord it over your family as a ruthless tyrant. As the leader of the leaders you ensure that others are leading as they should, that they are leading only in the areas they should. You will find humble and dignified ways of ensuring that others are leading well and that they are doing what they should as they should.

LEAD IN WORSHIP

The godly husband leads his family in worship. He ensures that the family members are worshipping and that they are worshipping in a way that is consistent with Scripture. You need to lead in corporate worship. You need to take the lead in corporate worship, not only in ensuring that your family attends church but also in the choice of church. You need to lead in worship, while absolutely essential to the Christian faith. Christians have long emphasised the importance of regular (usually daily) worship. You need to lead in personal worship. The godly husband knows the value of personal devotions. You must be committed to spending time one on one with God through the reading of the Word and prayer. If you are to be a godly leader in your home, you need to take the lead in this!

LEAD AS A FATHER

The husband is the one who is ultimately responsible for his children. Too many men have abdicated this responsibility, assuming that the mother is the one who is primarily responsible for raising the kids. But no, it is you, the father, who must

lead your children. It is not without importance that the Bible's admonitions to raise godly children are directed not at wives but at husbands. In the past people have understood what today we tend to ignore. Dad is primarily responsible for raising the children.

Of course this does not excuse mothers from being involved in raising their children. It simply shows that it is ultimately you the father who bears responsibility before God to ensure that children are raised in the fear and admonition of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4). You must take the lead and bear the responsibility in teaching and training your children. In many cases you will delegate this to others, mothers, teachers, and so on. But you are the one who leads and who is most answerable to God.

LEAD AS A HUSBAND

The reality of male headship means that a husband is responsible for his wife's well being in a way she is not responsible for his. It falls upon you to ensure that you live peaceably with your wife so that your prayers (not her prayers) may not be hindered by any discord

between you (see **1 Peter 3:7**). As leader, you bear the greater responsibility and the greater burden. Here are some specific ways you must lead your wife: Lead with Love.

The leadership of the godly husband is marked by love (**Ephesians 5:25**). Your wife, aware as she is of your sin, should never have reason to doubt that you love her, that you love your children, that you are committed to serving your bride in this unique role. You must be willing to forsake your own desires, your own comfort, your own rights in order to express love for your wife. Your leadership must be marked with the kind of love that marked Christ's love for his church. That same love, that same desire for God's glory, flows from Christ to the husband and into the family.

Lead with Gentleness. The godly husband leads his wife with meekness and gentleness. You need to be aware of your own sin and your own failings. You need to lead your wife gently, aware of her own struggles and weaknesses. Heed the word of God which says, "Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honour to the

woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered" (1 Peter 3:7).

Lead with Dignity. Lead her with an awareness that you are a servant first, a leader second. Do nothing to puff yourself up with pride but everything to show your wife that you esteem her higher than yourself.

Lead with Confidence. This is a particular challenge today, of course, at a time when culture has conditioned us to thinking that men have no business being leaders over their wives. But the godly husband listens to Scripture above the world and leads his wife, confident that God calls him to do just this.

Lead your wife with a humble confidence, even when you are called upon to make difficult or unpopular decisions. Lead with confidence that God is willing and able to bless you for your obedience. So a husband is to lead with love, gentleness, dignity and confidence.

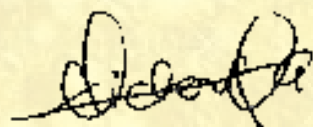
You have heard it said, I'm sure, that nature abhors a vacuum. This is absolutely true when it comes to leadership. If you do not lead your family, someone else will; someone else will have to. But God has called you to lead, to lead with great joy and delight, to lead though it may be costly, and to lead with love. Lead your wife, lead your family, and do it all for the glory of God.

I hope this teaching is a blessing to you.

Looking forward to a great month of October 2023.

Stay Blessed!

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