

Leadership in the Home
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Introduction: Our God gives perfect gifts.

- A. Everything God does is for our good! (**James 1:17**)
 - 1. This foolish world despises the gifts from God and runs after those things that destroy men.
 - 2. Until we humble ourselves and trust God we will repeat the error that all men who reject God have practiced. (**Jer 2:13**)
- B. Do you realize what a great gift we have in our homes? (**Mt 19:4-6**)
 - 1. It is hard to see how this world has treated the marriage relationship.
 - 2. It is not debatable that mankind is better off because of marriage.
 - 3. Because ungodliness will cause marriages to fail some have concluded that marriage has failed.

I. Leadership as designed by God.

- A. There is an established order by God. (**1 Cor 11:3**)
 - 1. This order is shown by Jesus as head of the church. (**Eph 5:25-29**)
 - a. Jesus nourished, provides and loves the church.
 - b. He also is head given all authority by God. (**Mt 28:18**)
 - 2. There are other kinds of “headship” where we must learn to submit! (**Heb 13:17; Eph 6:5, 8; 5:21**)
 - a. Rebellion towards authority may be praised by the world but God hates it.
 - b. One who is to submit is not inferior.
- B. The place of men has been undermined by this culture.
 - 1. I do not understand all of the causes but it can be seen at every level of our society.
 - 2. In the media men are seen commonly as fools.
 - 3. We are nearing a majority of homes that have no permanent presence of a man.
 - 4. When we learn how to imitate Christ then we will learn what real leadership means.

II. Characteristics of a godly leader

- A. He will look out for others. (**Phil 2:19-21**)
 - 1. In the home the father must find fulfillment in seeing the needs of others met.
 - 2. When we speak of needs ones standing with God comes first. (**Mt 6:33**)
 - 3. This very concept involves maturity. A child is not ready to lead a home!
- B. He will communicate and seek to understand those under his leadership. (**1 Pt 3:7**)
 - 1. The pressures of making a living can easily pull a man away from his family.
 - 2. There must be time to do things together. This time can be where communication and teaching can take place.
 - 3. Organized sports, fishing and going to games can be a time to stay connected with your family. It all depends on your willingness to see that that happens.
- C. He will make the difficult decisions. (**Heb 12:9-11**)

1. It has been the practice of many to abandon responsibility when difficult decisions must be made.
2. Difficult decisions may not be appreciated by those who you are leading!
3. Consider how men can be cowards in decisions concerning modest apparel.
 - a. God made men and women different therefore you will see emphasis towards women in these areas. **(Mt 5:27-30)**
 - b. Women can wear clothing not be aware of what it communicates to a man! **(Prov 7:10; Gen 38:13-15)** (Ex. Fish)
 - c. We need fathers to take a strong stand in these areas! Do you give in?
 - d. Many have given in to let their daughters to be cheerleaders, majorettes, dance team members and participants in school dances.
- D. He will take responsibility and the consequences that go with it. **(Eph 6:4)**
 1. Because a father wants his family to go to heaven, he wants to take a strong stand and also to know when he has made a mistake.
 2. There is a powerful lesson learned when the father can say “I was wrong.”
 3. One of the great mistakes made in the home is trying to put forth an image of invincibility. Your family knows better and may become bitter. **(Eph 4:26-27)**
 4. There is no place for uncontrolled anger, harsh words and intimidation in the home. **(Prov 17:1; 21:9; 25:24)**
 5. What if a child is raised in a home where the parents are never wrong but always look at the faults of others and blame others for what they do?
- E. He will lead the homes as a place that will heal wounds.
 1. It is not just a place but it is people who will help us heal. **(Heb 12:12-13)**
 2. In my home my occasion for hurting was also an occasion to gain wisdom! **(Prov 1:8, 10, 15; 2:1)**

III. Lead your home where God is at the center of all that you do

- A. It is true that a child’s first impression of what his Heavenly Father is like comes from his earthly father.
 1. Does this message sink in with you as a parent? What does my child see?
 2. Hopefully he will see a humble person seeking to be taught of God and in turn leading the way to heaven for his family. **(1 Cor 4:15-16; 11:1)**
- B. Satan seeks to pervert the image of the one true God.
 1. Just like the dishonest Politian, he tries to lie about what God is like. **(Jn 8:44)**
 2. Do you have these kinds of conversations with your children? Do you ever talk about the character of God? If you won’t then Satan will.
 3. When good things come into our home, I try to talk about God. Is your home a house of praise? **(Ps 28:6-7)**

Conclusion: What is the driving purpose of your home?

- A. We can overcome this present culture! **(Prov 30:11-14)**
- B. Let each of us make our homes a taste of heaven!