

Duties of a Husband in Marriage

Eph 5:22 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...

Lead

- In the context of marriage, the husband **is** the head (Eph 5:22-33)
- Timothy Witmer, *Shepherd Leader in the Home*: Why do leaders exist?

- What goal should a husband pursue (Josh 24:15; Gen 1:28)?

- The husband is always responsible for the condition of the household
 - What happens when a husband encounters obstacles in pursuit of goals?

 - Distinguish between _____ and _____

What are some specific goals that your household should pursue?

What do you think about the distinction between guilt and responsibility?

Protect

- God instructed Adam to protect “keep/guard” the garden (Gen 2:15)
- Men protect (OT priests; Num 1:2-3, Dt 22:5; Eph 5; Dt 10:18; Prov 4-6, Eph 6:4; Ps 23; Ezek 34)
- Understand and honor the weaker vessel (1 Pet 3:7)

Men: Where do you want focus attention to protect the women and children in your life?

Women: Where do you want to be protected by the men in your life?

Provide

- God instructed Adam to provide (“work”) the garden (Gen 2:15)
- A husband should supply two types of provision:
 1. _____
 2. _____ (Deut 8:3 & Mt 4:4; 2 Tim 3:14-17; Deut 6:7)
- Work extremes: too _____ or too _____ (Prov 6:6-11; 13:4; 20:4; 22:13)
- Contentment (Php 4:10-13; 1 Tim 6:6-10)

What is the practice of spiritual nourishment in your home?

Which extreme does your home tend to lean towards: work too much or too little? How so?

Where do you struggle with contentment?

Love

- Husbands, love your wives (Eph 5:25ff; Col 3:19)
- How #1: Christ-like _____
- Goal: Her _____
- How #2: The _____ in marriage (Mark 12:31)

What are various ways a husband might be God’s means of sanctifying his wife?

What areas should a husband pay attention to, learning about his wife?
