

Raising Children

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I. Introduction.

II. The responsibility of the father.

A. To the wife. (Ephesians 5:25, 5:23, 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 11:3)

1. The father is the foundation stone.
2. The wife being subject does not make the husband better.
3. We are in the family of God - joint heirs with Christ.
4. The husband as the head is to serve - the onus is on him if he is to be like Jesus. (Mark 10:45)
5. Loving your neighbor as yourself is central. (Matthew 22:37, Ephesians 5:27)
6. Love without harshness and be not bitter. (Colossians 3:19, Isaiah 41:15)
7. Love joyfully. (Ecclesiastes 9:9)
8. Meet physical needs. (1 Corinthians 7:3)
9. It is good for a man to be joined to a wife. (Genesis 2:18, 2:24)
10. There seems to be a very elementary reason for marriage: to prevent fornication. (1 Corinthians 7:1, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Proverbs 6:27, Matthew 5:27)
 - a. Sex is not a bad thing.
 - b. Lust is not permitted.
 - c. You can get forgiveness from the penalty of sin but not the effects of sin. (Proverbs 2:19, Acts 13:22, 1 Kings 15:5, 2 Samuel 12:10)
11. The husband wants to lead the wife spiritually. (Amos 3:3, Ecclesiastes 4:9-10)

B. To the children.

1. Training/discipline/building. (Ephesians 6:4, Deuteronomy 6:6-7, Proverbs 22:6)
 - a. The armor of God is in the context of living in the Christian home.
 - b. The Devil is on attack against the family.
2. Correction. (Colossians 3:21, Psalm 103:15, Proverbs 13:24, Psalm 127:3-5,)

- a. Do not make your children angry.
- b. We ought not to be afraid of the rod of correction. (Colossians 22:15, Isaiah 30:15, Genesis 18:19, 1 Samuel 13:15, 3:13 2:19, 1 Timothy 3:4, Titus 1:6)
- c. Do not threaten and only punish once, for obedience is better than sacrifice. (1 Samuel 22, Ephesians 6:9, Proverbs 22:13, 19:18)

3. Fear the Lord, to make Him the children's refuge. (Proverbs 14:26)

C. To others.

III. The responsibility of the wife.

- A. To the husband.
- B. To the children.
- C. To others.

IV. The responsibility of the children.

- A. To the father.
- B. To the mother.
- C. To others.

Application questions

1. What are some of the basic principles the Scripture teaches about the husband's relationship to his wife?

2. Why is discipline and correction neglected today? Why is this dangerous?

3. Select one of the verses the speaker lists, memorize it and write it below. What stands out to you about this verse in regards to the responsibility of the husband?
