

Session 2 - The Husband's Role

Ephesians 5:22-29, 1 Peter 3:7-9

Introduction:

A. Two primary roles of the husband - Ephesians 5:22-29

1. Leader
2. Lover
3. Mutually interdependent
4. Misuse results in dictatorship or over-sentimentality

B. Basis for fulfilling role of responsibility - Ephesians 5:18

1. Home/interpersonal relationships are primary showcase of control by Holy Spirit
2. To evaluate control/filled with Holy Spirit: Don't look at ministry, look at marriage

Ephesians 5:18

Example: Recognized need, door knob - mental stimulus wife - "you're different" son - "I've learned lots, want to be like you, treat my wife the same"

C. Submission not subjection, the life-style of every believer

Ephesians 5:21

1. To God

I Peter 5:6

2. To one another

I Peter 5:5

Philippians 2:3,4

I. Leader/head

Ephesians 5:22-24

Genesis 3:16

I Timothy 3:4,5,12

A. Scriptural standard - "as Christ"

Ephesians 5:23

1. Never forced - not dictatorship - not lacking love
2. Paradox of leadership

Matthew 20:25-28

B. Does not imply superiority/inferiority

1. Head of Christ, God - not inferior - heresy

I Corinthians 11:3

2. Spiritually equal - functionally different

a. Interdependent in Body

I Corinthians 12:12-26

b. Not of greater or lesser importance

3. Created to fulfill roles - personal fulfillment dependent on this.

C. A leader wins followers

I Peter 5:2,3

1. Genuine concern for follower –

Proverbs 27:23, "Tend the flock... "

2. By his example

"Not as domineering ...but being examples ... " (I Peter 5:2)

a. "... train yourself in godliness" I Timothy 4:7

b. Exercise self-control, i.e. personal habits, use of time

Proverbs 25:28

3. Misconception regarding gentleness/kindness

a. Considered sign of weakness

b. Only strong, confident, secure can afford to be gentle.

c. Insecure lead by demand/directives

D. Does not mean he is autocratic decision maker

1. Wise leader utilizes resources, information, discussion, counsel (use of gifts)

2. Allows full/ample mutual discussion/consideration

3. Husband makes final decision - held responsible

4. Wife adapts - follows

5. May choose to delegate decision making, e.g. household items, personal items

6. Will make mistakes

7. Value of decisiveness - creates confidence