## HUSBANDS

To be answered by both husband and wife prior to Session 2

Please read Ephesians 5:21-33 and I Peter 3:1-9.

1. Please list some ways in which a husband is to be willing to be subject to his wife. (Ephesians 5:21 - cf. Colossians 3:16)
2. In your opinion, what are some practical ways a husband can and should demonstrate love to his wife? (cf. I Peter 3:7)
3. Which are most important for a husband to consider in helping meet his wife's total needs?
4. How can a husband motivate his wife without discouraging her?
5. Please list several areas in which a husband should demonstrate leadership in the home.
6. What promise is made to the husband in I Peter 3:1-9 as a result of fulfilling Ephesians 5:25?

## **Session 2 - The Husband's Role**

Ephesians 5:22-29, I 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