

STUDIES IN CHRISTIAN LIVING

LESSON 1

THE HUSBAND HIS RIGHTS, DUTIES, AND PRIVILEGES

INTRODUCTION:

- A.) People today have a lot of different ideas about the roles of family members.
- B.) The Bible teaches that God designed the family and the rest of the universe.

- 1.) Paul word meaning order, "kosmios"

- (a) (1Timothy 2:9 KJV)

- (9) In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in *modest* apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array;

- 2.) Translated that way in ASV.

- (a) (1Timothy 3:2 ASV)

- (2) The bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

- 3.) Similar to word Paul uses on Mars Hill, kosmos"

- (a) (Acts 17:24 ASV)

- (24) The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands;

- 4.) God made a set of rules and principles for all the other creatures and aspects of His world.

- 5.) Why not human beings?

- C.) After God had created the world as a place for man to live, He then created man to live in the world.

(a) (GENESIS 2:7)

"And the Lord God formed man {of} the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being." (NKJ)

- 1.) All through the Chapter one of Genesis; You can read about God at work creating the universe and the earth.
- 2.) At each phase of his creation, he looks over the work he had done and calls it "GOOD!"

(a) (GENESIS 1:31)

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed {it was} very good." (NKJ)

- 3.) But in chapter 2 there is a strange statement about something God did not think was good.

(a) (GENESIS 2:18)

The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

- 4.) So God created woman for man as a "suitable helper."
- 5.) And what God gave to the man was not just a partner, but a designed institution in the human experience... *Marriage*.

(a) (Genesis 2:22-24 NIV)

"Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. (23) The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." (24) For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

I.) God designed marriage.

- 1.) These days, so many people cannot make their marriages work.
- 2.) Let us take a look at how God says marriage ought to be.
- 3.) You can see if there is any difference in how he designed it and how you thought it should be.
- 4.) We will look first at the husband.

II.) The Husband as God Designed Him;

A.) Set up a home of his own.

1.) Choose wife from among believers;

(Genesis 24:3 KJV)

(3) And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell:

2.) Teach their wife the truth;

(1Corinthians 14:35 KJV)

(35) And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

3.) Not interfere with their wife's Christian duties;

a.) Husband must be able to accept the fact that he will always be second in her life.

(Luke 14:26 KJV)

(26) If any {man} come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

b.) The husband must realize that if duty calls, his wife will forsake her duties to the husband and serve the Lord first.

(Matthew 19:29 KJV)

(29) And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

c.) The husband must resolve not to be a distraction in her Christian walk.

(1Corinthians 7:32-35 KJV)

32) But I would have you without carefulness. He that is unmarried careth for the things that belong to the Lord, how he may please the Lord: (33) But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please {his} wife. (34) There is difference {also} between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please {her} husband. (35) And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction.

4.) Husband remember, you cannot leave the unbeliever;

(1Corinthians 7:10-11 KJV)

(10) And unto the married I command, {yet} not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from {her} husband: (11) But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to {her} husband: and let not the husband put away {his} wife.

(1Corinthians 7:13 KJV)

13) And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him.

5.) A husband is to leave his parents home and be joined to his wife.

Ephesians 5:31

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." (NKJ)

6.) Have only one wife;

(Genesis 2:24 KJV)

(24) Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Mark 10:6-8 KJV)

6) But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female. (7) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife; (8) And they twain shall be one flesh: so then they are no more twain, but one flesh.

(1Corinthians 7:2-4 KJV)

(2) Nevertheless, {to avoid} fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. (3) Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. (4) The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

7.) Support that home himself.

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. (NKJ)

8.) Husbands should work to earn a living for their families.

1Thessalonians 4:11 that you also aspire to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we

commanded you, (NKJ)

(Ephesians 4:28 ASV)

(28) Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need.

B.) Rule that home.

1.) The husband is to be the head of the household.

1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman {is} the man, and the head of Christ {is} God." (NKJ)

Ephesians 5:23 " For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body." (NKJ)

2.) The husband is to rule his own house well.

1 Timothy 3:4 one who rules his own house well, having {his} children in submission with all reverence (NKJ)

BUT...

3.) A husband is to treat his wife with honor.

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise {you} husbands, dwell with {them} with understanding, giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as {being} heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. (NKJ)

BARNES: "according to knowledge-in accordance with an intelligent view of what Christianity enjoins in regard to this relationship.

Giving honour-to elevate to a position in which she will be worthy of esteem;

To be treated with special kindness.

To have a claim to delicate attention.

Honored as an equal heir to the grace of life.

a.) Consult her;

(Genesis 31:4-7 KJV)

4) And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his

flock, (5) And said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it {is} not toward me as before; but the God of my father hath been with me. (6) And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. (7) And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me.

C.) Make it a happy, loving home.

1.) A husband should not show bitterness to his wife.

Colossians 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter, (harsh N.I.V.; resentful Amp.N.T.; with gentleness Jer. B.) toward them. (NKJ)

Ecclesiastes 9:9 Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of your.. life which He has given you under the sun. (NKJ)

2.) Husbands should love their wives as much as they love themselves.

Ephesians 5:28 So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. (NKJ)

3.) Husbands should cherish their wives.

("Cherish" is a word that means `to care for.')

Ephesians 5:29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes (lovingly cares for L.B.; carefully protects and cherishes, Amp. N.T.) it, just as the Lord {does} the church. (NKJ)

4.) A husband needs to show affection for his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:3 Let the husband render to his wife the affec tion due her (conjugal rights-goodwill, kindness, Amp. N.T.), and likewise also the wife to her husband. (NKJ)

5.) Comfort her

(1Samuel 1:8 KJV)

8) Then said Elkanah her husband to her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? {am} not I better to thee than ten sons?

6.) A husband should be faithful.

(Malachi 2:11-16 KJV)

(11) Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. (12) The Lord will cut off the man that doeth this, the master and the scholar, out of the tabernacles of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of hosts. (13) And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth {it} with good will at your hand. (14) Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet {is} she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. (15) And did not he make one? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. (16) For the Lord, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: for {one} covereth violence with his garment, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

7.) A husband should be satisfied with his wife.

(Proverbs 5:18-19 NIV)

(18) May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. (19) A loving doe, a graceful deer - may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be captivated by her love.

8.) Not envy someone else's wife.

(Exodus 20:17 KJV)

(17) Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that {is} thy neighbor's.

9.) A husband should keep his wife on his mind.

(Matthew 5:28 NIV)

28) But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

10.) A husband should not be jealous.

(Numbers 5:14 NIV) and if feelings of jealousy come over her husband and he suspects his wife and she is impure - or if he is jealous and suspects her even though she is not impure - (NIV)

(Proverbs 6:32-35 NIV)

(32) But a man who commits adultery lacks judgment; whoever does so destroys himself. (33) Blows and disgrace are his lot, and his shame will never be wiped away; (34) for jealousy arouses a husband's fury, and he will show no mercy when he takes revenge. (35) He will not accept any compensation; he will refuse the bribe, however great it is.

(Proverbs 27:4 NIV)

Anger is cruel and fury overwhelming, but who can stand before jealousy? (NIV)

11.) A husband should trust his wife, and be trustworthy.

(Proverbs 31:11 NIV) Her husband (does safely trust NKJ) has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. (NIV)

12.) A husband should be respectable.

(1 Timothy 3:7 KJV)

(7) Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

13.) A husband is to defend his family.

a.) Moses' Law provided for capital punishment in the case of murder;

(Exodus 21:12 KJV)

(12) He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall be surely put to death.

b.) But not if it was in defense of person or property;

((Exodus 22:2 KJV)

2) If a thief be found breaking up, and be smitten that he die, {there shall} no blood {be shed} for him.

d.) Along with right goes duty & responsibility.

D.) Husband should be willing to be a father;

1.) A husband must be willing to father children.

1 Timothy 5:14 Therefore I desire that {the} younger {widows} marry, bear children, NKJ)

a.) **If the women are to bear children, the husband must be willing to father them.**

(Genesis 4:1 ASV)

(1) And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man with {the help of} Jehovah.

2.) Give them Roots: a connection with the world....and with God.

In the universal search for identity, consideration must be given to ancestry. Not only who our father was but also who was his father. Ultimately, the origin of man;

The Bible's remarkable claim; man's origins traced to deity:

(Luke 3:38 ASV)

38) the {son} of Enos, the {son} of Seth, the {son} of Adam, the {son} of God.

(Acts 17:28 ASV)

(28) for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring.

The Atheistic Syndrome..John P. Koster Jr.

6.) But more than just being a biological father, he must be willing to assume the responsibility of raising them.

5.) Love them;

(Psalms 103:13 ASV)

(13) Like as a father pitieth his children, So Jehovah pitieth them that fear him.

Strong's racham--"to fondle; by impl. to love; have compassion."

6.) Discipline;

(Proverbs 3:12 ASV)

12) For whom Jehovah loveth he reproveth; Even as a □

father the son in whom he delighteth.

Hebrews 12:9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected {us}, and we paid {them} respect. (NKJ)

Ephesians 6:4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. (NKJ)

7.) Hold the institution of Marriage in a place of honour.

(Hebrews 13:4 ASV)

4) {Let} marriage {be} had in honor among all, and {let} the bed {be} undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Conclusion

- A.) Does this sound like the kind of husband you are looking for?**
- B.) Does this sound like a description of YOUR Dad?**
- C.) Does it sound like a description of your future father-in-law?**
- D.) Does it sound like a description of your boyfriend?**