THE ISSUE OF AUTHORITY

Part Five: God's Plan for the Home

Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 11:3;
Ephesians 5:21-33; 6:1-4

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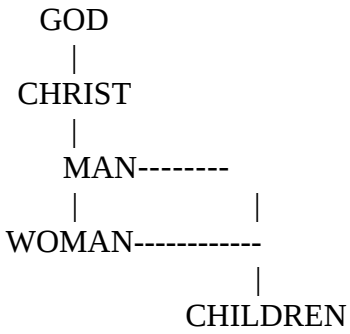
GOD'S CHAIN OF COMMAND FOR THE HOME IS CLEAR



GOD'S PLAN FOR THE HOME IS CLEAR

1. God's role for the man: To LOVE and to LEAD.
2. God's role for the woman: To SUPPORT and NURTURE.
3. God's role for the children: To HONOR and OBEY.

ESSENTIAL QUALITIES OF A LEADER:

1. CARES for those he LEADS.
2. Takes the INITIATIVE.
3. Leads by EXAMPLE.
4. Knows he is ACCOUNTABLE.

BEING A GOOD LEADER DOES NOT MEAN:

1. Being a DICTATOR.
2. Being a TASKMASTER.
3. Throwing one's weight around.
4. Taking PRIDE in one's POSITION or title.
5. Using one's position for one's own BENEFIT or GAIN.
6. Rejecting the INPUT of others.

SUBMISSION DOES NOT MEAN:

1. PASSIVE SERVILITY.
2. That one is not entitled to have OPINIONS and VOICE them.
3. That one does not have valid input or should not have an active role in the decision-making process.

SUBMISSION DOES MEAN:

1. That we understand that no SHIP can have two CAPTAINS - final responsibility must always have a resting place.

2. That we acknowledge and respect the authorities over us and willingly submit to them in conformity with God's Word.

3. That we are willing to leave OUTCOMES to the Lord.

4. That we believe God honors OBEDIENCE.

5. That we understand the principle of accountability - (i. .e, that the one with the authority is the one accountable for both the decision and the outcome.)

6. That we implicitly trust God's SOVEREIGNTY.

7. That we can accept our assigned role with GRACE and MATURITY.

N O T E S

RESPONSIVE READING

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Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body.

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church.

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.