

The Role of Husband In Marriage

Understanding Manhood

I. The Definition of a Male: (*zakar* /zaw·kawr/) One who was created by God as a material and immaterial being, with a unique DNA, 1X chromosome, and the physical distinctive of a penis and testicles for a particular function and purpose in the culture alongside and distinct from a female (woman) and all other creations of God. (Genesis 1:27)

A. In most cases men are born with a penis and women are born with a vagina. In the event there is either a void of or having addition to his normal sexual organs, a chromosome test should verify his gender.

II. The Definition of Manhood: (*andrizomai* [to act manly])¹ - the mindset, manner, and movement that correspond distinctly to a male in form and function.² (1Corinthians 16:13)

A. Manhood is also tied to men who develop to the fullness of their being in courage- the mental and moral strength to resist opposition, handle danger, or endure hardship while operating in a mindset, manner and movement that is distinctly male, glorifying to God and beneficial to others; to have firmness of mind and will in the face of danger or extreme difficulty while operating in a mindset, manner and movement that is distinctly male, glorifying to God and beneficial to others (1Corinthians 16:13).³

III. The Duties of a Male: The duties of a male correspond with how He was created by God from the beginning to function: (1 Corinthians 11: 1-3)

A. Men are responsible for taking the lead in procreation on earth-giving life through his seed to his wife only, to carry that life to birth so that mankind would reflect the character of God throughout the earth. (Genesis 1:26-30)

B. Men are responsible for taking the lead in subduing the earth- to govern the earth i.e. stewardship, management, control, and order according to the will of God. (Genesis 2:15,19-20, 1:26-30)

¹Kittel, Gerhard ; Friedrich, Gerhard ; Bromiley, Geoffrey William: *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament*. Grand Rapids, Mich. : W.B. Eerdmans, 1995, c1985, S. 59

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³Merriam-Webster, Inc: *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. Eleventh ed. Springfield, Mass. : Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003 (definition of the word courage)

- C. Men are responsible for taking the lead in **dominion of the earth**- being a servant leader over creation resulting exercising his authority, influence, and strength, over creation and all who fall under his leadership for the glory of God and the good of creation⁴ (Genesis 2:15, 19-20 1:26-30).
- D. In essence men are to **procreate** with spouse only, **govern** within the realm of authority, influence and strength given by God, and **lead** within the realm of authority, influence, and strength given by God. (Genesis 2:15, 1:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:1-3)

IV. The Disciplines of Manhood: Man's primary goal is not to relax; Man's primary goal is to work for the glory of God⁵ Men were not called to follow the world's order but set things in order in all aspects of life to the Glory of God and the benefit of mankind.⁶ Therefore, it is prudent for man to learn, live, and discipline himself around the Precepts and Plans of God. (Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:15, 1Corinthians 11:1-3, Proverbs 14:8)

The Practice of a Husband in Marriage

I. Husbands are to love their wives (Ephesians 5:25-30)

- A. Meaning—to self sacrifice for the benefit, provision, welfare of his wife in all aspects of her life (Ephesians 5:25-31).
- B. Member—to his wife (Ephesians 5:25-31).
- C. Manner—as Christ loved the Church (Ephesians 5:25-31).
- D. Motive—to help her to become Holy/Blameless; that she may function according to God's design (Ephesians 5:25-31).
- E. Magnitude—to death (1John 3:16-18).
- F. Manifestation—considering her interest, concerns, needs, desires, and making sure they are taken care of in the way that Christ would do it for the Church; relating with her socially, spiritually, emotionally, and sexually in a manner that benefits her and reflects the character of Christ; compensating for her weaknesses in ways that Christ

⁴ Berg, Jim, The Pursuit of Manhood: Discovering the Journey and Joys of Biblical Masculinity (Greenville, SC: 2009), Syllabus from teaching), 8.

⁵ Chanski, Mark, Manly Dominion: In A Passive-Purple Four Ball World (Merrick, NY: Calvary Press Publishing, 2004), 49-50.

⁶ Dewitt, David, The Mature Man: Becoming a Man of Impact (Gresham, Oregon: Vision House Publishing Inc., 1994), 9-21.

would do it for the Church; leading and guiding her into spiritual maturity, helping her to be all of what God designed her to be in the way that Christ would do it for the Church; leading your wife as Christ would lead the Church in all aspects of the marriage (1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 7:33).

Implications for Men

- A. Men must manage the people within the garden God has placed them according to the commands of God.
- B. Men must maintain and manage the possessions within the garden God has placed them according to the commands of God.
- C. Men must maintain and manage the property within the garden God has placed them according to the commands of God.
- D. Men must disengage from perpetrators that keep them from functioning within their God-given roles as commanded by God.
- E. Men must distrust perspectives that keep them from functioning within their God-given roles as commanded by God.
- F. Men must deny passions that keep them from functioning within their God-given roles as commanded by God.

Example of a Job description developed

POSITION TITLE: Husband (Head of Family)

PURPOSE OF THE POSITION: To lead, love, feed, watch over, protect and serve wife, and those of the Household (1Cor 11:3, Eph 5:25-27, 1Tim 5:8, John 13:1-17, 1John 3:16, Acts 20:28).

REPORTS TO: Jesus Christ, Elders, Accountability Couple

RELATES CLOSELY WITH: Wife, Mother, Father, Mother in Law and Father in Law

RESPONSIBLE FOR:

- Leading family in the direction designed by God for this family (Joshua 24:14-15).
- Setting an example for Godly living (Matthew 5:6, 1Timothy 4:16).
- Establishing a system for discipling the family to spiritual maturity (Ephesians 5:25-27, 6:4, Hebrews 10:24, Proverbs 22:6, 1Corinthians 14:35).
- Providing financial provisions to meet the basic needs of the immediate family and household (1Timothy 5:8, 1John 3:16-19).
- Establishing guidelines and goals for every aspect of living in the home that are according to God's Standards and God's Design for the Family (1Timothy 3:4-5).
- Providing support and service to all members in the household in order that they may live out the purpose God designed for each individual in the household (Romans 12:9-13, Hebrews 3:12-13).
- Protecting the family against hurt, harm, and danger (1John 3:16, Acts 20:28).
- Providing sexual fulfillment to wife unconditionally (1Corinthians 7:1-5).

CONTINUING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Assisting in handling household responsibilities (Philippians 2:3-4).
- Tracking the spiritual growth of the immediate family and household (John 21:15-17).
- Honoring, Praising, and Showing appreciation to my wife on a consistent basis (Proverbs 31:28, 1Peter 3:7).
- Establishing and providing opportunities for family fun, fellowship and travel (Acts 2:42, Hebrews 10:25).
- Seeking to constantly understand who my wife is and how to serve and honor her accordingly (1Peter 3:7).

Measurable Goals for the Position

- What life skills are being developed in my life and family?
- What needs am I meeting for my wife, children and others right now?
- What commitments am I keeping?
- What household responsibilities am I maintaining?
- What social events/hobbies have we been involved in?
- What trips have we taken?
- What level of spiritual maturity is found in my family?
- Who's burdens are we bearing and needs are we meeting for one another and those outside the family?
- What have I protected my family from?
- What financial provisions are being made for my family?
- How much debt are we going into?
- How much debt are we coming out of?
- What goals have we set and accomplished as a family /as individuals in the family?
- What souls have been saved as a result of our family?
- What lives have grown spiritually as result of our family?