

MEN AND MINISTRY

FAMILY AND MINISTRY SERIES PART III

"The husbandman that laboreth must be first partaker of the fruits."

~ 2 Timothy 2:6

1. Families Need Men

- a. The engine of a function family is a working marriage – husbands and wives.
 - i. One gets sanctified, the word of God, presented as glorious.
The other is a dweller of the house, does the washing, brings up the children.
- b. Men need women, but families, churches, society needs fathers and husbands
- c. Treatment of fatherless/widows/poor/strangers were measures of men in society
- d. The consequences of sin in Israel was a lack of husbands - Isa 3:4, 3:12
- e. God is the father of the fatherless, judge of widows - Ps 68:5
- f. God judges the fatherless and the oppressed to save from wicked men – Ps 10:15-18
- g. Father factor in nearly all social ills: abortion, homosexuality, child poverty, violence, church decline, heresy, further education, drugs, alcohol, obesity, prison, poor behavior
- h. Men who fight for (minister to) their families change/rule the world.

2. Men Become Husbands and Fathers

- a. Husband is the responsibility, not their nature. (Wife is the nature = woman)
- b. Husband ~def. Bound to a house, house man; a manager, to cultivate, to farm, to raise.
- c. The good work of men is to rule his own house well – 1 Tim 3:4-5
 - i. A head cannot operate without a body – the head needs help.
- d. Men are taught to sacrifice themselves for their wife, children, home – Eph 5:25+
- e. To be the head means you take the initiative in grace, love, forgiveness, kindness.
- f. To be the head means you take responsibility for cleaning house, dressing wife, etc.
- g. To be the head of a loving relationship means family must follow by choice – not force.
- h. To be the head means you do not provoke to anger – Col 3:21, Eph 6:4
- i. To be the head means you take the blame – 2 Cor 5:17, Eph 5:25

3. Responsible Men

- a. Marriage intended to produce love, children intended to produce joy – who's responsible?
- b. 2 Timothy 2:1-6 – The husband must be first partaker of the fruit
 - i. This did not happen in the garden – Genesis 3. Man not the godly head by curse.
- c. Paul showing a father's responsibility: exhort, comfort, charge - 1 Thess 2:11-12
 - i. Exhort – Encourage/motivate to convict, grow, stabilize– Ro 1:11, 1Co 4:14, 4:21
 - ii. Comfort – Strength to face and resist opposition - Col 2:2,8,19, 2:16; Ph 4:11-13
 - iii. Charge – To challenge and lay a burden – 1Tim 1:3, 18:19; 2Ti 1:8, 4:1-2, 4:5
- d. Man's greatest achievement is not outside the home, it is in it – children – 2 Tim 2:2
- e. W/o fathers there is silent, avoidance, compromise - lacks conviction, courage, and duty
- f. W/o husbands there is a lack of sanctification, word of God, glory and love in the home
- g. Bad news = your life will be sacrificed. Who would want to do this?
- h. Good news = your sacrifice will be the example, pattern, foundation of a godly family