

The Godly Husband and Father

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The twin role of husband and father is critical to the proper understanding of both. For Man, the plan of God includes from the beginning the family structure.

Genesis 2:23 -24 Leaving his parents to join to his wife, a man becomes husband and starts a new family.

Ephesians 5:22-29 The most profound and important set of teachings about the godly husband

v. 22 -24 Head of the wife; an establishment of authority in the family,
critical to a functioning family & reflective of scriptural authority

v. 25- 26 His responsibility to properly understand the nature of that
authority comes from love, & the duty that carries with it

v. 27 To never present his wife negatively, to himself, herself, or to
others

v. 28 – 29 Not a tyrant or dictator who dominates, but one who cares for
her above even his own comforts and eases, being willing to
strive for her emotional, physical, and spiritual needs

Ephesians 6:4 Likewise, his authority over his children is be used to raise them to be children of
God, not to terrorize them with his overwhelming power

1 Peter 3: 7 The weaker is only physically, but that difference is important. It is why the man
must take up his role honorably, because together they can raise a family in the
harsh world. Violating this structure denies the command and wisdom of God

Colossians 3:19 Husbands are to treat wives with kindness, without resentment or disdain.
Making hurtful or arbitrary demands or comments is a violation of his station

1 Corinthians 7: 1-5 A healthy physical relationship within marriage. Sex in marriage is not be used as
a carrot to reward nor a stick to withhold, but a natural expression of mutual
love and devotion. (More in the study of Song of Solomon, at a later date)

2 Timothy 3: 10-12 Paul's father like relationship with Timothy a model for every father, in how he
should understand his part in the lives of his wife and children:

Teaching doctrine	Conduct in lifestyle	Meaningful life purpose
Faithfulness	Love	Patience & endurance

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humble before God. To instruct and protect while accepting God's authority and
instructions. To love as he has been loved. To prepared to give all of himself for
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