



The Role of a Husband

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This session will equip you with a strong working definition for the biblical role of a husband, centered on three words that describe the husband's role: leader, lover, learner.

I. God Calls Men To Leadership

A. God's plan since _____

1. God gave man the responsibility to protect, and the woman was created to help him in his role (**Genesis 2:16-18**).
2. Although Adam has been placed in charge, the adversary comes after the woman (**Genesis 3:1**).
3. Roles are huge to God. When men just try to make everyone happy instead of leading biblically, children oppress and women rule, and the result is destruction (**Isaiah 3:12**).

B. What is leadership?

1. Leadership is not a dictator, nor is it all the _____ making. It is servant leadership (**John 13:1-17**).
2. Spiritual leadership begins with respect for the _____ of church (**Hebrews 13:17**).
3. Leadership is _____-based and goal-oriented (**Ephesians 5:26-28; 6:4**).
4. Leadership sets the example of _____ (**Philippians 4:9; Jeremiah 35:5-6**).
5. Lead by living joyfully and setting an emotional tone of _____ in the home (**Proverbs 5:18**).
6. A leader solves problems _____ (**Ephesians 4:29**, rules of communication).

II. A Husband Is To Love His Wife

What is love? American culture doesn't help with the prevalent idea that we "fall in and out of love." Biblical view of love is built from **John 3:16** (giving), **Galatians 2:20** (crucified with Christ, no longer I who live.)

A. The Command: Love your wife _____ (**Ephesians 5:25**).

1. Love her sacrificially as Christ loved the church.

2. Make every decision based on what's best for her.
 3. He loves her in spite of her failures (**Romans 5:8**), and without bitterness (**Colossians 3:19**).
- B. The Method: _____ your wife (**Ephesians 5:26**).
1. God has assigned husbands to be the truth bearers in the relationship (**1 Corinthians 14:33-34**).
 2. A husband is to be the protector of his wife (**2 Timothy 3:1-7**).
 3. It is man's God-given responsibility to be the spiritual leader.
- C. The _____: Present your wife as a pure, spotless bride (**Ephesians 5:27**).
- D. Men: Constantly assure your wife that you _____ her (**Ephesians 5:28-33a**).
1. Love her first—no friendships with anyone stronger than with wife.
 2. Love her most—more than job, children, mother.
 3. Love her unmistakably—constantly in process of convincing her you love her.
 4. Love her as your own body (**1 Corinthians 7:1-5**).

III. Husbands Are Learners

- A. A husband learns to _____ and honor his wife (**1 Peter 3:7**).
1. He learns about and focuses on her true needs (**Philippians 2:20,21**).
 2. The world says: "You can't understand a woman."
 - a. The Bible says: "Live with her in understanding."
 - b. This command takes time.
 - c. This command takes study—to learn strengths, weaknesses, annoyances.
 - d. This command takes sensitivity—learn to be compassionate.
 - e. This command includes recognizing my selfishness and honoring her need for affection.
 3. Learning affects a husband's spiritual life. Without it his prayers are hindered (**Psalms 66:18**).

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FOR "BIBLICAL COUNSEL REGARDING THE ROLE OF A HUSBAND" CAN INCLUDE"

Scott, Stuart—*Exemplary Husband*, Focus Publishing

Scott, Stuart—*Biblical Manhood, Masculinity, Leadership, and Decision Making*, Focus Publishing

Priolo, Lou—*The Complete Husband*, Calvary Press

Street, John—*Men Counseling Men*, Harvest House