

## FAMILY MATTERS #2 - HEAD OF THE FAMILY

### EPHESIANS 5:22-33

Nations, Churches, and Families all have leaders. Presidents and kings come as no surprise - neither should husbands and fathers.

#### I. DESIGN

- A. There are only two sexes created by God MATT. 19:4-6
  - 1. The word "gender" comes from language not biology
  - 2. Term has been co-opted - meant to conjugate verbs
  - 3. There ARE some birth defect situations
  - 4. Rule for majority then deal with exceptions
- B. A man is to LEAVE and CLEAVE to his Wife MATT. 19:5
  - 1. This arrangement is permanent / non-trial basis
  - 2. No human can separate them - life-long MATT. 19:6
- C. A man alone is incomplete GEN. 2:18-20 (Webster 1828)
  - 1. The rib taken shows her at his side GEN. 2:21-23
  - 2. Not beneath his feet or over his head

#### II. DIRECTION

- A. The man sets direction in the family (MARK 10:43-44)
  - 1. God intends husband to be a servant leader!
  - 2. A wife isn't a servant but a SISTER! (1 COR. 9:5)
- B. The man is joint heir with his wife 1 PETER 3:7
  - 1. Not dwelling with honor will hinder your prayers!
  - 2. Love means commitment - be not bitter (COL. 3:19)
- C. Don't deny the faith! (1 TIM. 5:8)

#### III. DUTY

- A. The head of the family bears RESPONSIBILITY for it!
  - 1. Achan sinned / his family bore it JOSHUA 7:24-26
  - 2. It doesn't sound "fair" to our culture
- B. Adam sinned but his family (us) bear it! (ROM. 3:23)
- C. Abraham's children continued after him (GEN. 18:18-19)

#### IV. DIVIDENDS

- A. To the third and fourth generation EXO 34:7
  - 1. This can be a good or a bad effect
  - 2. Abraham/Isaac/Jacob/Joseph (fourth generation)
- B. The glory of children (not the opposite) PROV. 17:6

CONCLUSION: It is the husband's / father's job to decide the direction, to do his duty, but he can reap great dividends!

WEBSTER 1828 - MEET, adjective [Latin convenio.] Fit; suitable; proper; qualified; convenient; adapted, as to a use or purpose.

MARK 10:43-44 - "But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: (44) And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all."

1 COR. 9:5 - "Have we not power to lead about a sister, a wife, as well as other apostles, and as the brethren of the Lord, and Cephas?"

COL. 3:19 - "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

1 TIM. 5:8 - "But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

ROM. 3:23 - "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

GEN. 18:18-19 - "Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? (19) For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him."