

FAMILY MATTERS #11 - OBLIGATION OF THE FAMILY

GENESIS 18:16-19

It is the honor and obligation of the man to look after his family in all matters but especially spiritual things.

I. THE MAN'S LIVELIHOOD

- A. It is the obligation of a man to provide I TIM. 5:8
 - 1. Many women work - but not her responsibility
 - 2. Praise for her endeavors (PROV. 31:16 & 24)
- B. God specifically told Adam to LABOR GEN. 3:16-19
 - 1. The curse went to Eve for labor in childbirth
 - 2. The curse went to Adam for labor in the field
- C. Hard work is GOOD for us (2 THESS. 3:10)

II. THE MAN'S LEADERSHIP

- A. Leading in Spiritual Things
 - 1. Bring your children to church, don't SEND them
 - 2. It's the father's job to teach (DEUT. 11:18-19)
 - 3. Abraham is an example (GEN. 18:19)
- B. Leading in Child Training
 - 1. Spiritually, morally, and civically EPH. 6:4
 - 2. Bible training, prayer, obedience, discipline
 - 3. John the Baptist's FIRST job LUKE 1:17
- C. Leading in doing good - value it and model it

III. THE MAN'S LOYALTY

- A. A man must be loyal to God (ECC. 12:13)
- B. A man must be loyal to his wife 1 PET. 3:7
- C. A man must be loyal to his children 1 THESS. 2:11

IV. THE MAN'S LIFE

- A. Dwell with his wife until death (1 PET. 3:7)
- B. Be whole-hearted in service to God (COL. 3:23-24)
 - 1. The house of Stephanas I COR. 16:15
 - 2. ACTIVELY seeking the hearts (PROV. 23:26)

V. THE MAN'S LAURELS

- A. A righteous life will be crowned (PROV. 16:31)
- B. The joy of children who walk in truth 3 JOHN 1:3-4
 - 1. Other people speak of it - the reports came back
 - 2. True for John's converts and for families
- C. Men following God's plan can look back on godly lives

PROV. 31:16 & 24 - "She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. (24) She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant."

2 THESS 3:10 - "For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat."

DEUT. 11:18-19 - "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. (19) And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."

GEN. 18:19 - "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."

ECC. 12:13 - "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

COL. 3:23-24 - "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; (24) Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ."

1 PET. 3:7 - "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

PROV. 23:26 - "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways."

PROV. 16:31 - "The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness."