

Husband's Role in the Family

God's design for man's dilemma

- Key Scripture: Ephesians 5:25
- The husband as the spiritual leader
 - God's design for headship (Eph 5:25);
 - Headship does not mean dictatorship but servant leadership
 - He is to lead in love, not domination (Col 3:19)
 - Jesus is the model of leadership—humble, loving, and sacrificial (Mark 10:45)
 - He is to provide spiritual direction for the family (Josh 24:15)
- The role of the husband (Eph 5:25-32; I Cor 11:3)
 - Leader
 - Leadership is not bossy (I Pet 3:8)
 - Leadership is a service to the ones led (I Pet 3:7)
 - Leadership in the home is a service of Christ to the family, and not a self-service (I Pet 3:8; Eph 5:15-20)
 - Leadership requires continuous association (I Cor 11:1)
 - Leadership requires being a good example (Col 3)
 - Leadership requires making informed, correct decisions and delegating responsibilities (Prov 3:5-6; Jas 1:5; Prov 16:9)
 - Lover
 - This is patterned after God's agape love—a love that gives because of the need, not of their worthiness (John 3:16)
 - The husband should love his wife like Christ loved the church, and gave himself (unconditional, sacrificial, and selfless) (Eph 5:25)
 - The husband should love his wife like he loves himself (Eph 5:28)
 - The husband should love his wife like he loves his body (Eph 5:28)

- This love is demonstrated by fulfilling what is said (Matt 5:37; Eph 4:25)
 - This love encompasses the physical, emotional, social, sexual, and spiritual (Eph 5:25)
 - This love should display humility (I Pet 3:7-12)
 - The husband should seek to understand his wife (I Pet 3:7)
 - The husband should honor his wife (I Pet 3:7)
 - The husband should treat his wife as his equal (I Pet 3:7)
- The husband is to be a faithful provider
 - Providing for his family's needs (I Tim 5:8)
 - By prioritizing family over excessive work or hobbies (Prov 11:14)
 - By teaching stewardship and having financial wisdom (I Tim 5:8)
- The husband is to be a teacher and role model
 - Husbands should teach by example (Titus 2:7-8)
 - Disciplining with love and wisdom (Eph 6:4)
 - Modeling humility and repentance (Col 3:12)
- The husband as a covenant keeper (Mal 2:14-16; Eph 5:25-33)
 - He stays committed through trials and struggles (Mal 2:14)
 - He is faithful to his wife (Mal 2:15)
 - He helps his wife grow spiritually. (Eccl 12:13)
- Practical ways to become a godly husband (Col 3, Eph 4)
 - Prioritize a personal relationship with God (Matt 22:37)
 - Daily bible reading and prayer (Matt 6:33)
 - Seeking mentorship or accountability (Prov 11:4; Prov. 27:17)
 - Communicating with love and respect (Eph 4:29)
 - Learn to listen and express feelings in a way that builds up (Prov 15:1)
 - Consider Her Needs over yours (I Pet 3:7; 8-12)

- Be her spiritual leader (Eph 5:25; Mal 2:14-16)