

**Grace Bible Church**  
**2017 Biblical Counseling Conference**  
**Track One**

Session #9

The Role of the Husband

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I. LEADER: The Husband is to \_\_\_\_\_ His Wife – Gen. 1:26, 2:18-25; Eph. 5:23; Matt. 20:25-28

A. The biblical \_\_\_\_\_ for the husband’s leadership

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ establishes his leadership – Gen. 1-2

*1 Timothy 2:13 For it was Adam who was first created, and then Eve.*

2. God \_\_\_\_\_ the husband to be the leader – Eph. 5:23

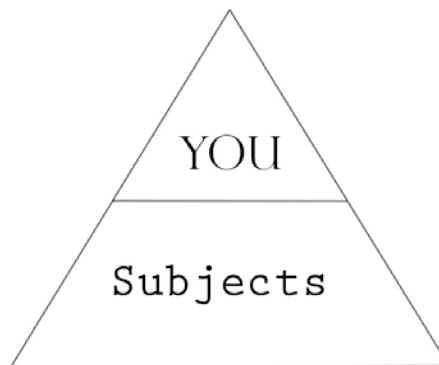
**Ephesians 5:23** *For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.*

B. The biblical \_\_\_\_\_ of the husband’s leadership – Matt. 20:25-28

Matthew 20:25-28 *But Jesus called them to Himself, and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them." It is not so among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be your slave; just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many. "*

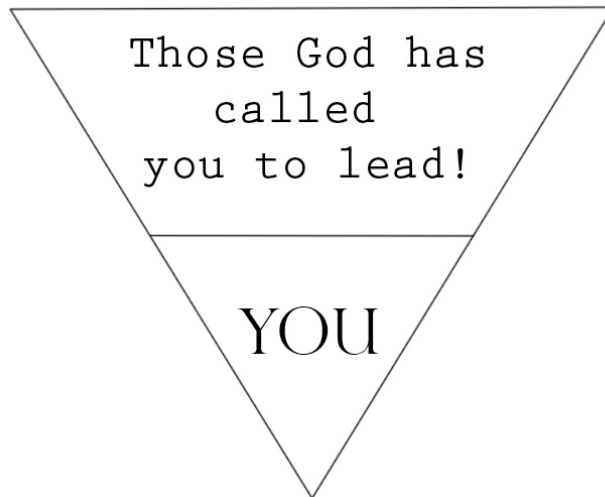
1. What leadership is NOT: “lord it over them” (Gentile view) = a \_\_\_\_\_!

Example: The focus is more on position and authority and demanding submission!



2. What leadership IS: Leadership = \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 26-27)

Example: The focus is on helping those God has placed around you to grow



The real test of whether or not someone's a servant is how you \_\_\_\_\_ when you are treated like one.

Q: What is the difference between a dictator and a godly leader?

**Dictator**

- Proud
- No accountability
- Makes all the decisions w/o counsel
- Expects others to serve him
- Sinful communication (lies, anger, etc.)
- Selfish focus – what's best for me?
- Wrong motive: Pleasing self
- Expects others to change 1st
- No spiritual leadership

**Godly Leader**

- Humble
- Welcomes accountability
- Seeks counsel before making decisions
- Serves others
- Biblical communication
- Focus on others – what's best for her?
- Right Motive: Pleasing God
- Willing to change 1st (good example)
- Provides spiritual leadership

The greatest example of a leader is \_\_\_\_\_!

*John 13:3-5 "Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded."*

II. **LOVER: The Husband Is To \_\_\_\_\_ His Wife – Ephesians 5:25-33**

**Ephesians 5:25** *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. . . 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies . . . 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself.*

## 2 important observations:

1. This is a \_\_\_\_\_ – it's not an option or something you can take or leave
2. Paul \_\_\_\_\_ the command 3 times for a husband to love his wife!

**John 13:1** "... having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end."

"Divorce represents our inability to hold to Jesus' command. It's giving up on what Jesus calls us to do. If I can't love my wife, how can I love the homeless man in the library? How can I love the drug addict or the alcoholic? Yes, this spouse might be difficult to love at times, but that's what marriage is for - to teach us how to love. Allow your marriage relationship to stretch your love and to enlarge your capacity for love - to teach you to be a Christian. Use marriage as a practice court, where you learn to accept another person and serve him or her." *Sacred Marriage*, Gary Thomas, p. 42

### A. What are some wrong views of love?

1. Love is a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Love is \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Love is \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. What is the biblical definition of love?

Love is \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_ of another without the ulterior motive of \_\_\_\_\_ anything in return.

**Galatians 2:20** "...the life I now live...I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..."

**Ephesians 5:25** "...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for it"

**Real men \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ like Jesus Christ!**

### C. What degrees of love are we to show?

1. **–First** - I **John 4:19** *We love, because He first loved us.*
2. **Most** – **John 15:13** *"Greater love has no man than this . . ."*
3. **Sacrificially** - **Eph. 5:25**
  - a. Give up your personal desires for her needs and desires.
  - b. When is the last time you sacrificed something for your wife?
  - c. What priority does she and her desires have in your life?
4. **Unmistakably** – I **John 3:18** *"Love must be demonstrated in ways that can be interpreted."*

## 5. In spite of faults – Rom. 5:8

### III. LEARNER: The Husband Is to Learn His Wife – 1 Peter 3:7

**1 Peter 3:7** *You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

#### A. Learning is a Command

1. A command that requires time.
2. A command that requires study.
3. A command that includes being mindful of her weakness

L – look her in the eye when she’s talking
I – inquire by asking, ‘Tell me more’
S - stop interrupting with your solutions
T - tell her what you think you heard and see if you’re right
E - express sympathy: ‘I’m sorry. That must be hard.’
N - never look at your watch

**1 Peter 3:7** *“You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman...”*

Weaker = lit. without strength  
Also – fine china, fragile, valuable

#### a. What this does not mean:

##### 1) Weaker positionally

**Galatians 3:28** *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

##### 2) Weaker intellectually

#### B. Honoring is a Command!

**1 Peter 3:7** *You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, . . . and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

#### C. Both these commands impact the husband’s Prayer life!

‘prayers’ = not just one’s prayer life, but also implies one’s relationship to God – the idea of communicating with God Himself!

‘Hinder’ = to impede or thwart; it’s placing something in the path of your prayer.