

Happiness In Your Home

Is There A Man In The House?



Text: Ephesians 5:21-33

Context

Applies only to Christians

I. Introduction

- How the role of the husband is magnified in **Isaiah 54:5**
- Key to marriage success – both marriage partners understand and fulfill each of their roles
- God compares Himself to a husband!
- God created, God ordained, and God assigned distinction between men and women!
- **Genesis 1:27** – husband and wife are equal
- But there are differences in roles and assignments according to God, and long live those differences!
- **The Christian husband is to lead his wife!**
- But why...and how...and why did God say this?
- Leadership in a Christian home happens to ride along in a convoy with three other ships
- Roman Empire fell to decline of male leadership
- In America, as in Sodom & Gomorrah, society is confused in understanding these roles.

II. Lordship!

- **Ephesians 5:22**
- What God says goes against what society dictates to us!
- Sadly, many only know what media says about roles of husbands and wives
- Satan's influence will always make God's commands and godly live **repulsive** to worldly people
- However God's instruction is only for Christians!
- Men cannot exercise proper authority in their homes until they place themselves under a greater authority, THE greatest authority, Almighty God!
- If a man is not saved now, it is harder than ever to get saved later

- Husband is the hardest role; first responsibility is to surrender to the Lord

III. Partnership!

- Marriage is a partnership! It's like a corporation! It takes a lot of work!
- Successful families just don't happen.
- It takes a lot of time to be invested
- It takes hands on attention

IV. Headship!

- **Ephesians 5:22-23**
- God says that the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the Head of the Church! That's the way it is! God's ideal is for the whole family to be serving like Christ!
- Lead like Christ did by serving!
- **1 Corinthians 11:3**
- **Galatians 3:28**
- **Joshua 24:15**
- Headship does not mean that you are the boss, but it means that you have placed yourself under the authority of Christ!
- Man is equal to woman
- God made the rules, we need to live by them
- God is speaking to us...ONLY...from within the realm of faith in Him! If we are Christians...that's just the way it is!
- Why?
- Possibility 1 - **1 Timothy 2:13** – Adam created first
- Possibility 2 - **1 Timothy 2:14** – Eve sinned first

V. Conclusion

- Salvation can be had for the asking
- Unbelieving husband means a Christian wife may be forced to lead until the husband becomes saved
- Live for Jesus!
- Our text means a Christian husband realizes his position, and with that realization, he tries with all his heart to live like Jesus Christ