

# THE CHRISTIAN MAN AS A HUSBAND

## INTRODUCTION:

- A. The best marriages are made between those who recognize and submit to God's will
- B. The divorce rate in U.S. is now higher than in any other civilized nation in the world and even more tragic, the divorce rate among Christians is only slightly lower than for the population at large
- C. The husband is to dwell with his wife according to knowledge 1Pet 3:7 This is knowledge of what is right; God's will. Custom, tradition, and personal preference must be subordinated to this
- D. Every man needs to have knowledge of what God wants him to be in this relationship and he needs to be reminded of this from time to time 2Pet 1:12-15

## DISCUSSION:

### I. HUSBAND GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY OF HEADSHIP

- A. Headship is a role given by God 1Cor 11:3
  1. Two reason for this headship 1Tim 2:11-14; Gen 2:18, 24; 3:1-6
  2. God did not make woman a slave Eph 5:22-25
    - a. Yes there is submission, but husband to love wife as himself Eph 5:28,29
    - b. Give honor (a valuing or price paid) unto his wife 1Pet 3:7
- B. Husband is responsible for success or failure of home
  1. He has a heavier responsibility than his wife, submission is easy compared to husband's role
  2. Leadership is earned not taken or assumed
    - a. Good leader a good example Phil 2:5-8; Lk 22:25-27
    - b. Good leader is a good listener
    - c. He gives honor to his wife 1Pet 3:7
- C. Guard against three pitfalls of marriage
  1. In-law troubles - leave & cleave to wife Matt 19:5,6
  2. Infidelity - give yourself wholly to each other 1Cor 7:1-5
    - a. Sex not dirty, except outside marriage Heb 13:4
    - b. Work at understanding each other's emotional and physical needs
  3. Insufficient funds - work together on finances

### II. HUSBAND GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY OF PROVIDER

- A. He must provide leadership in a home separate from his and her parents Gen 2:24; Matt 19:4-6
  1. So wife can make her home her own way Prov 14:1
  2. Serious problems result when either the parent fails to turn loose the oversight or when children fail to turn loose of their parents security

3. Love suggest that children will counsel with parents, but remember there are two separate families.
- B. Provide protection from dangers
  1. Women today go anywhere and do anything men do and husbands allow this to be Eph 5:28,29
  2. He provides protection from strenuous or masculine work. Not being sexist, but honoring 1Pet 3:7
- C. Provides for her physical needs, financial security Gen 3:19 1Tim 5:8 Woman not given this role
- D. Provides for her sexual needs 1Cor 7:1-4
- E. Provides for her spiritual needs (heirs together) 1Pet 3:7
- F. One who does not provide is worse than infidel 1Tim 5:8

### III. THE STRENGTH OF GENTLENESS

- A. Gentleness is a God-like quality
  1. Ruggedness often thought synonym of manhood and gentleness to femininity.
  2. Thus some men avoid being gentle, but think of the term "gentle - man"
  3. Jesus demonstrated the strength of gentleness 1Pet 2:21-25
  4. Gentleness commanded of Christians Gal 5:22,23, Jas 3:17
- B. What is involved in being gentle
  1. Meekness a twin to gentleness 2Tim 2:24,25; Tit 3:2
  2. Tenderness & affection are expressions of gentleness Eph 4:32
  3. Restraint and self control, these prove gentleness is a quality of strength. Anyone can react with evil for evil, but only the strong can contain their emotions and calmly control both tongue and body
- C. The results of gentleness in marriage
  1. A husband will nourish his wife Eph 5:28,29, causing to grow, supporting and maintaining
  2. He will cherish his wife Eph 5:29, "cherish" literally means "to heat, to soften by heat; then to keep warm, as of birds covering their young with their feathers (Vine's)

## CONCLUSION:

- A. All these things we have discussed simply show a husband's love for his wife
- B. Such love is the summation of all the husband should be and do
- C. It is a sacrificial love: "as Christ loved the church"; it is a preeminent love: "as their own bodies"; a truly caring love: "even as himself" Eph 5:25-33.