

The Family, Part 4:
“Led by Godly Fathers”
Ephesians 5:22-6:4

I. Husbands are responsible for leading their family in the ways of the Lord (vs. 5:22-6:4).

- A. They have a commitment to their wives.
- B. They have an obligation to their children.

(Jeremiah 3:6-15; Matthew 19:16-22; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18)

II. The leadership of a husband should be based upon God’s Word.

- A. His leadership should follow the example set by Christ.
- B. He should nourish his family in the teachings of God’s Word.

(Exodus 20:12; **Deuteronomy 5:16**; Proverbs 2:1-20; 3:1-4; 4:1-5; 5:1-2; 7:1-3; John 15:3; 17:7)

Scripture References and Notes

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

¹“Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess, ² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. ³Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. ⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. ⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

1 Corinthians 7:1-9, 17

¹ Now concerning the things of which you wrote to me: *It is* good for a man not to touch a woman.

² Nevertheless, because of sexual immorality, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. ³ Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise the

husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*.⁵ Do not deprive one another except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.⁶ But I say this as a concession, not as a commandment.⁷ For I wish that all men were even as I myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this manner and another in that.⁸ But I say to the unmarried and to the widows: It is good for them if they remain even as I am;⁹ but if they cannot exercise self-control, let them marry. For it is better to marry than to burn *with passion*.¹⁷ But as God has distributed to each one, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I ordain in all the churches.

Jeremiah 3:6-15

⁶ The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: "Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot."⁷ And I said, after she had done all these *things*, 'Return to Me.' But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.⁸ Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.⁹ So it came to pass, through her casual harlotry, that she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and trees.¹⁰ And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in pretense," says the LORD.¹¹ Then the LORD said to me, "Backsliding Israel has shown herself more righteous than treacherous Judah."¹² Go and proclaim these words toward the north, and say: 'Return, backsliding Israel,' says the LORD; 'I will not cause My anger to fall on you. For I *am* merciful,' says the LORD; 'I will not remain angry forever.'¹³ Only acknowledge your iniquity, That you have transgressed against the LORD your God, And have scattered your charms To alien deities under every green tree, And you have not obeyed My voice,' says the LORD.¹⁴ "Return, O backsliding children," says the LORD; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion."¹⁵ And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.

Matthew 19:16-22

¹⁶ Now behold, one came and said to Him, "Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?"¹⁷ So He said to him, "Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments."¹⁸ He said to Him, "Which ones?" Jesus said, "'*You shall not murder,*' '*You shall not commit adultery,*' '*You shall not steal,*' '*You shall not bear false witness,*'¹⁹ '*Honor your father and your mother,*' and, '*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*'"²⁰ The young man said to Him, "All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?"²¹ Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me."²² But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "*I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.*"¹⁷ Therefore "*Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.*"¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16

'Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may be well with you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

John 15:3

You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

John 17:7

Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.

Proverbs 2:1-20

¹ My son, if you receive my words, And treasure my commands within you, ² So that you incline your ear to wisdom, *And* apply your heart to understanding; ³ Yes, if you cry out for discernment, *And* lift up your voice for understanding, ⁴ If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures; ⁵ Then you will understand the fear of the LORD, And find the knowledge of God. ⁶ For the LORD gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; ⁷ He stores up sound wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; ⁸ He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints. ⁹ Then you will understand righteousness and justice, Equity *and* every good path. ¹⁰ When wisdom enters your heart, And knowledge is pleasant to your soul, ¹¹ Discretion will preserve you; Understanding will keep you, ¹² To deliver you from the way of evil, From the man who speaks perverse things, ¹³ From those who leave the paths of uprightness To walk in the ways of darkness; ¹⁴ Who rejoice in doing evil, *And* delight in the perversity of the wicked; ¹⁵ Whose ways *are* crooked, And *who are* devious in their paths; ¹⁶ To deliver you from the immoral woman, From the seductress *who* flatters with her words, ¹⁷ Who forsakes the companion of her youth, And forgets the covenant of her God. ¹⁸ For her house leads down to death, And her paths to the dead; ¹⁹ None who go to her return, Nor do they regain the paths of life-- ²⁰ So you may walk in the way of goodness, And keep *to* the paths of righteousness.

Proverbs 3:1-4

¹ My son, do not forget my law, But let your heart keep my commands; ² For length of days and long life And peace they will add to you. ³ Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴ *And* so find favor and high esteem In the sight of God and man.

Proverbs 4:1-5

¹ Hear, *my* children, the instruction of a father, And give attention to know understanding; ² For I give you good doctrine: Do not forsake my law. ³ When I was my father's son, Tender and the only one in the sight of my mother, ⁴ He also taught me, and said to me: "Let your heart retain my words; Keep my commands, and live. ⁵ Get wisdom! Get understanding! Do not forget, nor turn away from the words of my mouth.

Proverbs 5:1-2

¹ My son, pay attention to my wisdom; Lend your ear to my understanding, ² That you may preserve discretion, And your lips may keep knowledge.

Proverbs 7:1-3

¹ My son, keep my words, And treasure my commands within you. ² Keep my commands and live, And my law as the apple of your eye. ³ Bind them on your fingers; Write them on the tablet of your heart.