The Husband in the Home

The Christian Home - Pt. 2

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the responsibilities of the man as the Husband in the Home.
2. Psalms 127:1 "Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it."
3. The home involves a man, a woman, and children [if any], who are dedicated to each other. The responsibilities of each are different but they are all toward each other.
4. This lesson is about the Husband in the home. He wears many different hats.
5. A successful - happy home does not "just happen". We must plan for it and then follow the plan. The plan is found in God's word.

Discussion

I. THE MAN AS A HUSBAND

A. The word "Husband"

1. Contraction of two words
   a. Hous - which mean "house or home" and
   b. "Band". - which means holder or master
   c. Thus he is a band around the house or the home
2. The husband is the band of love, security and protection around the home.
3. This is not an inherited or natural ability, it must be learned.
4. Passages that use the term "husband"
   a. In the O.T. God is spoken of as a husband to Israel
      (1) Jer. 31:32 "...although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:"
      (2) Isa. 54:5,6 "For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name;"

b. In the N.T. Christ is portrayed as the groom

(1) II Cor. 11:2 " For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ."

(2) Rev. 21:2 "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

5. A man cannot be a good Christian and a bad husband; nor can a man be a bad husband and a good man.

B. The First Husband and Wife

1. Genesis 1 & 2

2. God made the man first and said: "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him." Gen. 2:18

a. Help meet = helper in NKJV

b. None of the animals was suited as a companion

3. God created woman for man

a. Gen. 2:21-23

b. 1 Cor. 11:8-9 "For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. 9 Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man."

4. God joined them together as husband and wife

a. Gen. 2:24 - "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

b. Matt. 19:6 NKJV "So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

C. Bible instructions for the Christian man as a husband

1. **<u>Assume headship of the wife</u>** - Ephesians 5:23-24

   a. The husband is the head of the wife as Christ also is the head of the church.

   b. Christ considers the needs of the church and guides her wisely, so a husband has the responsibility of leading his wife in all matters.

   c. Sometimes the wife wants to dominate the home, but it is often because the husband refuses to assume the headship of the home.

   d. He is not to be a tyrant or dictator, but one who is the head of the family with love.

   e. To be the "head" does not mean he makes all decisions without consulting his wife. He should discuss it with his wife but he makes the final decision and is responsible.

2. **<u>Love His wife</u>** - Eph. 5:25 & 33

   a. Christ is our example of love

      (1) He gave himself for the church.

      (2) He did not seek His own good but the good of His people

      (3) Husbands should not be self-centered but should be wife-centered.

      (4) He would even die for his wife if need be.

      (5) This is "Agape" love which is selfless love - it is active good will

   b. Love is long-suffering, kind, humble, patient, unselfish and courteous - description of love in 1 Cor. 13:4-8

   c. A husband loves his wife because he needs her. She is his other self - the other half

d. A marriage can be happy when the husband and wife have a strong mutual love.

e. Love is expressed in the ultimate sense by the added language - Heb. 13:4

f. 1 Cor. 7:3 NKJV "Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband." Due benevolence = KJV

(1) Each has an obligation to the other in regard to sex.

(2) If the attitude is only out of duty then it is not acceptable.

(3) Just as it would be if one obeys God simply out of obligation and love is absent.

(4) The marriage relationship is not to be regarded as a mere duty or obligation. It is an expression of love.

3. **Provide for Her** -

a. 1 Tim. 5:8 "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

b. The husband is to make the living and the wife is to make the living worthwhile.

c. A man is not old enough to get married if he is not willing and able to work and provide for his wife.

d. Gen. 2:24 "Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh."

e. He is to leave his parents and cleave to his wife

f. A husband's money is not his alone to spend only as he may choose. He has a responsibility to care for his wife and children.

g. Learn to manage money and live on income.

4. **Continue the courtship**

a. Deut. 24:5 "cheer up his wife" - to brighten up, be glad, joyful "Bring happiness to his wife" NKJV

b. He should continue the courtship after the marriage. Keep your wife's love by the same means you obtained it - you enjoy being together.

c. Talk to her, bring gifts to her.

d. There is a place for the little kindnesses and courtesies in marriage.

5. **Be considerate of her**

a. 1 Pet. 3:7 "Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered."

b. According to Knowledge

(1) She is designed to complement man

(2) God made her so she is dependent on the husband.

(3) She longs for economic security, assurance and protection.

c. Give honor to the wife as a weaker vessel

(1) This is an honored position - she is not inferior or weaker mentally but weaker physically - woman was not intended to do all the things that men are physically able to do.

(2) Honor means respect. He is a protector and supporter of his wife.

d. That your prayers be not hindered

(1) How can they both pray together if there are unkind words, harsh looks, distrust, jealousies, and strife between them?

(2) The husband and wife should live together according to the gospel and enjoy sweet domestic harmony.

6. **Appreciate Her value**

a. Proverbs 12:4 NKJV "An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, But she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones."

b. Proverbs 18:22 NKJV "He who finds a wife finds a good thing, And obtains favor from the LORD."

c. Proverbs 31:10 "Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies."

d. A wife must be made to feel that she is important and appreciated by her husband.

e. They desire and deserve to be valued, and considered as individuals of worth. She should not be thought of as a sex object, a maid, a house servant, or just a mother.

f. She is of great value to the husband and he should let her know that.

7. **Be sweet and tender to your wife**

   a. Colossians 3:19 "Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them."

   b. Be sweet to her and you will seldom be in a pickle.

   c. Husbands should not be bitter, angry, loud and argumentative.

   d. The oil of kindness and tenderness keeps down friction in a marriage.

   e. The husband needs to lubricate the marriage with plenty of kindness, "I love you's" and gentleness.

II. THE HUSBAND AS A CHRISTIAN

A. There is a difference between a "husband" and a "Christian Husband"

   1. The Christian husband recognizes the law of God
   2. He is obedient to the Gospel
   3. He is a doer of the word
   4. He is striving to go to heaven and is living so that his wife will go to heaven also.

B. A man who is a husband but not a Christian

   1. May be a good man - morally
   2. May love his wife
   3. May provide a good living for his wife
   4. But is not striving to go to heaven. - He will not see the need for the spiritual training and emphasis in life. He is interested only in life on earth.

C. A happy successful Marriage is for those who love God and One Another - we are trying to help each other get to heaven.

CONCLUSION

1. The Husband in the Home is essential to having a happy successful marriage and home.
2. If the man is a true and faithful Christian then he will be striving to be the best he can be as a Husband and Father.
3. Heb. 3:3-4 "For this man was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, inasmuch as he who hath builded the house hath more honour than the house. 4 For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God."
   a. Men build houses - dwelling places
   b. Only with God can we build a happy home
4. If the Husband of the home will act as God directs then it will help to make a happy home here and hereafter.
   a. Heb. 3:5-6 "And Moses verily was faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were to be spoken after; 6 But Christ as a son over his own house; whose house are we, if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm unto the end."
   b. Act as a Christian Husband.
   c. Live as a Christian

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