

THE FAMILY MAN

Intro:

With so many families failing in our society today and with one out of two marriages ending in divorce it behooves us to look at the family and see what God has to say about it. Many of our problems today in the church and even in society can be directly traced to a breakdown of the family unit.

- I. The family is the oldest institution on earth.
 - A. From the beginning. Gen 2:21-24
 - B. God ordained two should be one.
 - C. Jesus recognized the family as important. Mk 10:2-9
 - D. Family never intended to be broken.

- II. The role of leadership has been given to the man.
 - A. In garden of Eden Adam was told to dress and keep garden. Gen 2:15
 - B. Adam given command not to eat forbidden fruit. Gen 2:16
 1. command given by God before Eve was created.
 2. Eve held accountable.
 3. Therefore Adam had responsibility of passing on God's law.
 - C. Husband has primary responsibility of spiritual guidance of family.
 - D. Adam given role of naming animals. Eve was not.
 - E. Adam had the role of leadership.

- III. Roles the husband must assume to please God.
 - A. Bread winner.
 1. Adam had to till the soil. Gen 3:19, 23
 2. Must work to provide living. 2 Thes 3:10-12
 3. One of societies problems that able bodied men won't work.
 4. God the father gives ultimate example of providing. Mt 7:9-11
 - B. Care giver.
 1. Must give care and love to wife. Eph 5:25-33
 2. As Christ the church and as himself.
 3. Treat wife as "fine china" or "silk" (weaker vessel) I Peter 3:7
 1. honor wife, according to knowledge, heirs together
 2. that prayers be not hindered.
 - C. Leader.
 1. Man has been placed in leadership. I Cor 11:1-3
 2. Man is leader - not lord. Must never lord it over family.
 3. Man shouldn't yell, embarrass, or disrespect wife.
 4. Christ lead us he doesn't drive us like oxen.
 5. Woman taken from Adams side, not foot or head.
 6. Man must lead in all areas.
 1. Love - show Christ by his actions.
 2. Finances - make wise decisions and heed wife's advice.
 3. Spiritual training - study and help family spiritually.
 - D. Raiser of Children.
 1. Not only the woman's role.
 2. Fathers given role too. Eph 6:4
 3. Must not discourage or exasperate them.
 4. Husband's role is not passive. Col 3:21
 - E. Teacher of family.
 1. All the time. Deut 6:7-8
 2. Especially in spiritual matters.