



Ingleside Notes

What's a Dad to Do?

Toward a Vision of Biblical Manhood

Sunday, June 16, 2019 • Tim McCoy, Lead Pastor

*When we use biblical words in biblical ways
to understand and apply biblical truths,
our lives are transformed
and God is greatly glorified.*

11 Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

² Now I commend you because you remember me in everything and maintain the traditions even as I delivered them to you. ³ But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

(1 Corinthians 11:1-3, ESV)

The biblical principle of _____ . . .

(1) Is rooted in the nature of _____.

**(2) Is revealed in the relationship of Jesus and his body,
the _____.**

**(3) Should be reflected in our _____
and in our _____.**

So what does it mean to be “the head”?

head. It is sometimes said that this term (Gk. *kephalē*) means “source,” but in over 50 examples of the expression “person A is the head of person(s) B” found in ancient Greek literature, person A has authority over person(s) B in every case. Therefore it is best to understand “head” (*kephalē*) here as referring metaphorically to “authority” (see also Eph. 1:22; 5:23; Col. 2:10). As with the authority of Christ over the church, this is not the self-centered exercise of power but leadership that takes care to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of the wife. See

Mark 10:44–45; Eph. 5:23, 25–30. **The head of Christ is God** indicates that within the Trinity the Father has a role of authority or leadership with respect to the Son, though they are equal in deity and attributes (see notes on John 5:19; 14:28; 1 Cor. 15:28). Paul applies this truth about the Trinity to the relationship of husband and wife. In marriage, as in the Trinity, there is equality in being and value but difference in roles (see Eph. 5:22–33). (*ESV Study Bible*, note on 1 Corinthians 11:3)

Dad, be the _____ of your home.

1. Dad, live under the _____ and Lordship of Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ And he [Jesus] is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. (Colossians 1:18, ESV)

2. Dad, _____ your wife as Christ loved the church.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **nourishes** and **cherishes** it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. (Ephesians 5:22-33, ESV)

“nourish” → to provide food for, to nurture, to help grow, develop, and mature

“cherish” → to keep warm, to treat with tender love & care

3. Dad, _____ your wife and children as Jesus does his flock, the church.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, he who does not enter the sheepfold by the door but climbs in by another way, that man is a thief and a robber. ² But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ To him the gatekeeper opens. The sheep hear his voice, and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them, and the sheep follow him, for they know his voice. ⁵ A stranger they will not follow, but they will flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers.”
(John 10:1-5, ESV)

- _____ your family
- _____ your family
- _____ your family
- Lay down your life for your family
- Teach your children to honor, love, and follow the Lord.

Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
(Ephesians 6:4, ESV)

Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged. (Colossians 3:21, ESV)

4. Dad, resist the _____ toward unbiblical and sinful patterns of harsh domination or disengaged passivity.

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4. The Fall introduced distortions into the relationships between men and women (Gen 3:1-7, 12, 16).
 - a. In the home, the husband's loving, humble headship tends to be replaced by domination or passivity; the wife's intelligent, willing submission tends to be replaced by usurpation or servility.

- b. In the church, sin inclines men toward a worldly love of power or an abdication of spiritual responsibility, and inclines women to resist limitations on their roles or to neglect the use of their gifts in appropriate ministries.
5. The Old Testament, as well as the New Testament, manifests the equally high value and dignity which God attached to the roles of both men and women (Gen 1:26-27, 2:18; Gal 3:28). Both Old and New Testaments also affirm the principle of male headship in the family and in the covenant community (Gen 2:18; Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; 1 Tim 2:11-15).
6. Redemption in Christ aims at removing the distortions introduced by the curse.
- a. In the family, husbands should forsake harsh or selfish leadership and grow in love and care for their wives; wives should forsake resistance to their husbands' authority and grow in willing, joyful submission to their husbands' leadership (Eph 5:21-33; Col 3:18-19; Tit 2:3-5; 1 Pet 3:1-7).
 - b. In the church, redemption in Christ gives men and women an equal share in the blessings of salvation; nevertheless, some governing and teaching roles within the church are restricted to men (Gal 3:28; 1 Cor 11:2-16; 1 Tim 2:11-15).

The bottom line: ***Dad, for the good of your family, for the good of the church, and for the glory of God, will you be the head of your home?***

A Chapter a Day

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