

Men Leading His Way

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In recent weeks, the expression "war on women" has been used by politicians to describe decisions that would seemingly have little to do with women, and more to do with issues such as human rights. I am convinced that there REALLY is a less than covert war against men today; specifically, a war intent on reducing the work of leadership among men to an event of the past.

This war on Men wants to remove the Godly Husband from marriage; it wants to destroy the Wise Father from the family. It is waged in popular culture such as TV, Movies, Books which treat spineless fools to stand as the head of a home. It is waged in our legal system with atrocities such as no fault divorce.

God set a divine pattern for men in the home and men in the church. In the Old Testament pattern, men such as Abraham and Joshua led in marriage and in the family. In the congregation of Israel, there were (few) righteous Kings and High Priests (consider the relationship of Jehoash and Jehoiada).

If a man is a proper HUSBAND in the home, he sets the stage for all to see the relationship of Christ and the church

If a man is a proper FATHER in the home, he sets the stage for all to see the relationship of a Christian and God the Father

Men need to lead in the home as husbands. Consider 1 Peter 3:7; it directs a man to be one his wife can have trust and confidence in. In 1 Corinthians 14:35, women are told to go to their husbands for spiritual understanding. Clearly God intended for men to lead their wives. Men are like the High Priests of the Old Testament in this way; they direct the worship of their homes by setting the standard of Faith.

Men need to lead the home as fathers. Colossians 3:21 and Ephesians 6:4 directs fathers as being in charge of their children's spiritual growth. Consider them like gardeners over their children; a father is to provide cultivation, soil treatment, and weeding. Make them grow and keep them safe.

This pattern is one of the times in the Bible where there are rewards here and now. Consider this: "*A foolish son is destruction to his father, and the contentions of a wife are a constant dripping*" (Proverbs 19:13). The promise of grief and anguish for men who do not lead the way in their home. At the same time: "*An excellent wife is the crown of her husband*" (Proverbs 12:4) and "*a wise son makes a father glad*" (Proverbs 10:1).

Men, make the mental choice towards leadership and not followership. Leading means direction, and purposeful moral force. Dare to stand like Joshua as a family leader and as a church leader.