

Head of the Household

Following Joshua's inspired lead, the head of the household is responsible for their entire household - Josh 24:15 But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But **AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.**"

We must recognize, God ALWAYS out rules man - Acts 5:29 Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"

Though Head of the household leads back to marriage, those that are not married still fall under a head. Everyone must recognize and always acknowledge their head, which leads back to God - 1 Cor 11:3 Now **I WANT YOU TO REALIZE** that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God*.

- Every man (especially the husband) must answer to Christ
- The head of every woman is "a man", to the wife that is the husband

*Following Jesus lead, the head of the household ONLY leads as he is led - John 8:15-16 - 15 You judge by human standards; I PASS JUDGMENT ON NO ONE. 16 But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I STAND WITH THE FATHER, who sent me.

Worldly ruler traits are NEVER to be mimicked by the Heads of household

The worldly leader "Lord over" while the Godly leader serves - Matt 20:25-28 - 25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 **NOT SO WITH YOU.** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you MUST BE YOUR SERVANT, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave— 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

* This means ALL Godly leaders are "responsible for..." NOT "rulers of..."

Those that lead as dictators are dangerous leaders - Prov 28:16 A tyrannical ruler lacks judgment, but he who hates ill-gotten gain will enjoy a long life.

A Christian leader's only standard is God! - Gal 1:10 Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I WOULD NOT be a servant of Christ.

*What this means, is the Head of the household doesn't do what he wants, and doesn't do what the wife wants. By taking both into consideration, while staying obedient to God, decisions are made.

Everyone must yield based on Christ - Eph 5:21 Submit to one another OUT OF reverence for Christ.

*Christ sets how all relationships should be

Head of the household is the Husband, who is blessed with the partnership of the wife

Must love the wife correctly - Eph 5:25-33 - 25 Husbands, love your wives, JUST AS Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her 26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church*, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 28 **IN THIS SAME WAY**, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church— 30 for we are members of his body. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." 32 This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. 33 However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

* The whole relationship with Christ and the Church was hinged on His relationship with God, **DONE GOD'S WAY.** The same **MUST** be with the husband.

The husband **MUST** always Consider and respect his wife - 1 Peter 3:7 Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

Husbands must NEVER be harsh to their wives - Col 3:19 Husbands, love your wives and **DO NOT be harsh with them.**

Wives are ordained as the partner and they **MUST** recognize the importance of the Roles

Wives **MUST** recognize the Husband as the head - Eph 5:22-24 - 22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For **the husband IS THE HEAD of the wife** as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Wives are to know the God given process of guiding their husbands to be the head - 1 Peter 3:1-6 - Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words by the behavior of their wives, 2 when they see the **PURITY** and **REVERENCE** of your lives. 3 Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. 4 Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. 5 For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, 6 like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and **do not give way to fear.**

Children must be raised in Godly authority

Teach obedience to children in EVERYTHING - Col 3:20 Children, OBEY your parents IN EVERYTHING, for this pleases the Lord.

Children MUST be raised to honor and respect the parent - Eph 6:1-3 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "**Honor your father and mother**"-which is the first commandment with a promise— 3 "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Head of the households are responsible for not frustrating the children - Col 3:21 Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged.

While not frustrating them, they Must be raised in the Lord! - Eph 6:4 Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, **bring them up in the TRAINING AND INSTRUCTION OF THE LORD.**

The key to being the successful Head of the household is Revering God - Ps 128:1-4 - Blessed are ALL WHO FEAR THE LORD, WHO WALK IN HIS WAYS. 2 You will eat the fruit of your labor; blessings and prosperity will be yours. 3 Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house; your sons will be like olive shoots around your table. 4 Thus IS THE MAN BLESSED WHO FEARS THE LORD.