
BIBLE TALK

This week the topic is this: ***No excuses: The husband is the head of the wife.***

Listen carefully to the following passage of scripture:

Ephesians 5:23

23 For **the husband is head of the wife**, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Did you hear that? "***The husband is head of the wife.***" As Christians, we have no choice in the matter. If a Christian does not like the idea of the husband being the head of the wife, then that person needs to learn how to live single and celibate for the rest of his or her life. God did not give a choice on this subject. He has not changed His mind since that was written 1900 years ago.

"The husband is the head of the wife." Someone has to be ultimately in charge and the Bible says it's the husband. If you are a man, this passage will probably make you feel really good. But being the "head" of something carries with it responsibility. When something goes wrong, the person in charge is the blame. Let me illustrate this.

Illustration: Think about **the "head" coach of a football team**. What an impressive position that is.

If a man is the "head" coach of a football team:

- He is responsible for the recruiting of the players.
- He is responsible for how the team performs.

If the players are worthless, the "head" coach gets the blame for not recruiting better players. We understand that. That's why one coach gets fired and another gets hired – because the alumni thinks, if they have the right coach, they can get the right players.

If the team loses continuously, the "head" coach gets the blame. He cannot blame the assistance coaches, because if they're the problem, why didn't he fire them and hire better assistants? Being the "head" means being responsible.

Application: In the same way, the husband is the "head" of the wife. This means he has authority, but it also means he is responsible when something goes wrong.

- **Are the children doing poorly in school?** It's the husband's responsibility to see that something is done to correct the problem. He's responsible because he's the head. The "buck stops here." He cannot pass the buck off and blame the teachers at school. He cannot blame his wife. He's responsible not only for his children's poor behavior in school, he's responsible for making sure the children are tutored in the evenings – whether he does it himself or has someone else do it. He's in charge to make sure the job gets done.
- **Are the children trained to behave themselves and are they taught the scriptures?** It's the father's responsibility. He's responsible to see that they are trained properly in behavior and in spiritual matters. The "buck stops here." He cannot pass the buck off and say the mother should teach the kids the Bible and proper behavior. He cannot complain that he's working at his job and doesn't have time. He should have thought about this before taking on the responsibility of becoming a father – or even getting married. When a man marries and has children, he is responsible because he is the "head." The headship is a position of responsibility.
- **Is the wife misbehaving?** It's the husband's responsibility to see that the wife behaves herself. He's responsible because he's the head. If the wife does not keep the house clean, the husband is responsible for seeing that she gets the help and training she needs to keep a clean house. Are the kids being fed and cared for by the wife? If not, the husband is responsible for seeing that his wife becomes trained and helped sufficiently to feed and care for the children. The "buck has to stop somewhere." Where shall it stop?

Any problem in the home is ultimately the husband's responsibility because he is the head of the home. If the man does not want to be responsible for such problems, he should never have married to begin with.

We have a problem in our society my friend.

- We have kids who are untrained and misbehaving and everyone wants to blame school teachers, bus drivers, and the other kids in the neighborhood. They want to blame everyone except the person who is in charge – the father.
- We have marriages which are falling apart and husbands want to blame the lazy, nagging, overweight, ugly wife who used to be pretty, sweet and thin. Ultimately, it's the husband's responsibility to see that any problems are solved – because he's the head of the home. He's responsible. He should take the wife to counseling, to bible studies or to whatever she needs to overcome her laziness, her addiction to food or her nagging.

Do not let the husband blame anyone else. Let the husband shoulder the responsibility. He must take the initiative to see the problems of the home are addressed because he's the head of the home.

To you wives who are listening I say, "You're welcome for this week's message." Next week we will discuss wives being "keepers at home." The husbands can thank me next week.

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