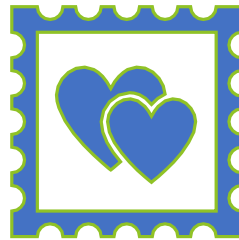


Kingdom Husband



Priest, Father, and Husband

Ephesians 5:21-33

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Priest to his family

- ▶ 1 Peter 2:5(NLT) And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.
- ▶ 1 Peter 2:9 (NLT) But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.
- ▶ Not exclusive to the husband (2 Timothy 1:5)
- ▶ Not mediator between you and God (Matthew 27:51)
- ▶ Should live at Eden (Genesis 2:8)
- ▶ Model Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)
³⁷ Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Father to his household - Wife

- ▶ Source: Genesis 2:21-24 (NIV)
- ▶ ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.
- ▶ ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.
- ▶ ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."
- ▶ ²⁴ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.
- ▶ Wife is his baby because she came from him
- ▶ Wife can adopt 'new' father's name (Numbers 30:3-16)
- ▶ More alike than different (vs 21)
- ▶ Foreshadow of bride of Christ (Isaiah 53:5; John 19:34, 37; Zechariah 12:10)
- ▶ Godly woman never leaves the covering of a father (vs 24)
- ▶ Symbolism of unity candle at weddings (vs 24)
- ▶ God ordained monogamy (vs 24)

Father to his household - Wife

- ▶ Sustainer of family bond just like Christ sustains the church: Colossians 1:17 (ESV) And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
- ▶ Safety net to whom all in the family can run to
- ▶ Wife as baby - Encourages fulfilment of academic, career, etc. goals; feed, clothe, protect, counsel, provide, pay attention, listen, learn, not feel threatened by her success
- ▶ A godly father takes good care of himself both physically and mentally and models appropriate behavior to his household

Father to his household - Children

- ▶ Ephesians 6:4 (ESV) Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.
- ▶ Proverbs 22:6 (ESV) Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.
- ▶ Psalm 103:13 (ESV) As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.
- ▶ Does not reward children for deed expected of them
- ▶ Sets appropriate boundaries, allows kids to make mistakes but would not tolerate repeated irresponsibility
- ▶ Is open minded
- ▶ Spends quality time with children
- ▶ Leads by example
- ▶ Supportive and loyal to wife and kids
- ▶ Demonstrates unconditional love (Luke 15:11-32)
- ▶ Sacrifices own comfort in favor of his fatherly duties

Who is a husband?

- ▶ One who works closely with his wife to provide emotional and financial support for the children, provide appropriate monitoring and discipline, and remain a compassionate and enduring presence in both his wife's and his children's lives.
- ▶ One who acknowledges that you get the family that you create, not the one that you deserve and works hard at it.
- ▶ He is the epicenter of emotional, physical, mental and spiritual well-being of his family.
- ▶ A husband bonds his family together.
- ▶ He protects his wife from his family, his children.
- ▶ Protects the wife's self-esteem.
- ▶ He is the servant leader of his household.

Husband - Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

- ▶ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- ▶ There is a beautiful Jewish tradition saying God made woman, not out of man's foot to be under him, nor out of his head to be over him, but "She was taken from under his arm that he might protect her and from next to his heart that he might love her." (Barnhouse)
- ▶ It is God's command that we submit to one another
- ▶ Emphasizes that marriage is for Christians
- ▶ Calls for abandoning of self and working as team

Husband - Ephesians 5:25-27 (NIV)

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ God is priority, followed by your wife and kids, then the church
- ▶ Husband must demonstrate a special selfless and enduring love towards his wife (Philippians 2:5-8)
- ▶ Involved in spiritual growth of wife
- ▶ Invest in her 'upgrades' and enjoy your future together

Husband - Ephesians 5:28-30 (NIV)

- ▶ 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 their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body.
- ▶ Woman came out of man (Genesis 2:21). This is not a feeling or a romance but requires thinking and understanding.
- ▶ We are one with Christ and His Father (John 17:21)

Husband - Ephesians 5:31-33 (NIV)

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ Husband must love his wife
- ▶ Wife must respect her husband
- ▶ Husband is the head of this new union

Husband - 1 Peter 3:7 (NASB)

- ▶ You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, *since she is* a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.
- ▶ Wife is not a mate nor a roommate
- ▶ Make understanding your wife your major so that you can show her impactful honor
- ▶ We are all co-heirs with Christ
- ▶ ¹⁸ Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven. (Matthew 18:18 NASB)