

Dysfunction Junction  
A Look at the 21st Century American Family  
Part 2: Husbands who Lovingly Lead  
Ephesians 5:25-33

What does this type of loving leadership look like?

I. It is Sacrificial v25

1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever

Gen 3:17-19 cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.

II. It is Sanctifying v26-27

1. Sanctify through Prayer

Job 1:5 And when the days of the feast had run their course, Job would send and consecrate them, and he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my children have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts." Thus Job did continually.

Ps 34:7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

2. Sanctify through Training

1 Cor 14:33-35 As in all the churches of the saints, the women should keep silent in the churches. For they are not permitted to speak, but should be in submission, as the Law also says. If there is anything they desire to learn, let them ask their husbands at home.

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

3. Sanctify through Protection

Rom 13:14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

III. It is Selfless v28-30

1 Cor 13:4-8 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends.

IV. It is Sure v31-32

Conclusion v33

1 Peter 3:7 Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.