

## How Should Men Lead Their Families? Pt. 3 (2022.04.24 Sabbath School class)

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“How Should Men Lead Their Families?” (3 of 3) in the RHB series, "Cultivating Biblical Godliness."  
Recap of introduction and the father as prophet in the home.

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I just wanted to get started on our discussion of how should men lead their families. But before I get started, I wanted to open up in prayer. Three Father. God, we thank you for this day and thank you for this opportunity to come together in fellowship.

And to hear your truth is about how men should lead their families. Father, open our hearts in our ears so that we may hear your word that will help us as fathers to lead and to guide and to disciple our children, as well as our wives. We ask this in Jesus precious name.

Amen. So, first off, I wanted to kind of recap a little bit of what we talked about. Previous. Lord's Day. One of the things we looked at was the office bears by Union with Christ and that we long in part spiritual good to our children. However, their barriers that impede us from doing that.

And that's our foolishness. Our weakness and our corruption of our own sin. We can only do this by walking in the anointing of Jesus Christ and we walk through the Hattleberg. Heidelberg Catechism question 31, as well as question, 32 on the application of that to us. We also talked about our union with Christ.

We share his offices in a limited but important way. And the office bearing has huge implications for leading families and to our, to our wives, and our children. We serve as if anybody remember the three offices and which we serve as Amen. Thank you, burying the image of the Father of glory and also bearing the image of husband.

We are to be like the heavenly husband. We also talked about the profit in the home, the essential task of the prophet, is to be God's spokesman to people, but I think Thomas had a very eloquent definition of prophets. You can you Of course, profit. Is someone eats God's Word directly?

God speaks his word through him. Thanks. Thank you. Thomas inspired by the Spirit, the apostle spoke and wrote God's Word. Jesus is the ultimate omniscience prophet profit in the home, confesses our faith and speak forth. The Council of God given by the Bible and we make truths known to our children.

How then should we teach as a profit in our home? We teach with passion. We teach with God's authority Stewart. We teach through family worship which we pointed out through the story of John Patton. We also teach through examples, teach by sharing our life, I teach for a ballistic maturity.

We also train our children physically to show them that the body is a gift from God and to respect the rules of health and treat their bodies with on it. So that's a bit of a quick recap of last Lord's Day discussion, So we'll go into today. The, The priest in the home and the king in the home.

So we who trust in Christ are royal priesthood authorized and anointed to perform priestly service and God's spiritual temple. And this refers back to first, Peter, 2 and 5, and 9, We can never repeat the once and for all sacrifice of Christ for sin because Jesus has finished the work to make his elect people.

Perfect. That's Hebrews 10 verse 12 and 14. Nor do we stand as a mediator between God and man, for there, is the only one mediator and that's verse. Tim First Timothy verse 2 5 and 6. So we share in his priesthood because of our union with Christ, The Bible call Bible calls redeemed, people priests and revelations, 1:6 and verse 5, 10 and 10 6.

So I'm just pointing out these Bible verses. So as you can often go back and read the verses as necessary because I have a lot of content to cover here. So I just wanted to get through, What are the ways in which a man should operate as priest in the home?

First and foremost, we see, We have sacrifice yourself for your wife. Paul says, in Ephesians 5:25 through 26, Husbands, love your wives. Even as Christ also love the church and gave himself for it. That he might sanctify and cleanse it with a washing of water by the word, William Gouge, Google, and English Puritan clergyman and author, wrote domestical duties and 1622.

This was a popular and widely read conduct book. Providing advice and rules for family life. The work is divided into eight treatists starting with the examination of the Bible passages that give authority to his ideas of domestic duty, followed by a constant consideration of marriage and the mutual duties between husband and wife.

And the six further treaties on the specific duties of wives. Husbands children parents servants and masters Goose writes of husbands that all the duties of a husband are comprised under one word. Can anybody tell me what that word may be?

Pete. Love. Love. Love. Love. Love when we love with a Christ-like. Love. We serve a spiritual as spiritual priest. Who offer a pleasing sacrifice to the Lord? This is affirmed by Paul who wrote in Ephesians 2 walk in love as Christ. Also hath love us and have given himself for us and offering and a sacrifice to God for sweet smelling baby.

What does it mean to love your wife? Like a priest. What it means is loving your wife. As Christ love the church, The church is a particular group of people whom guide chose before time began and called to salvation. He has a particular and exclusive love for his elect.

We looked to Romans 1:7 and Galatians 2:20. As men We must love our wives with a particular and exclusive love in which no other woman may share, We may not realize how important is to our wives to know that we have forsaken, all others to love her alone until deaths separates us.

But it is we must also consider the security and happiness of our children that they that they receive when they see their fathers love their mothers with an exclusive binding. Love. We must also love our wives with self-giving love Ephesians 5:25, says Christ loved the church and gave himself for it.

Jesus voluntarily died as a surety substitute and representative of his elect people Christ stood under the curse of God, for our sins and giving himself Christ. Gave his most precious treasure for. He was the infinite of he was of infinite value. Christ was crucified on the cross for unworthy ungrateful.

Enemies of God.

So men, love your wives with a self-giving love. Sacrifice for her provide for her, and cherish. Her. Give her your thoughts, your time, your tongue and your tenderness and your touch. You must touch her heart before you touch your body. Stop measuring out. Small amounts of your love. According to what she has done for you lately, and start pouring out love by the buckets.

According to the infinite riches of Christ's love for you. This is an area that I have grown over time. My wife unfortunately, is not here, she's with my daughter who's sick. But over the years as I'm a toiled not only my walk with Christ. But as a man, I realize that I needed to do that or out that love to my wife that sacrificial love.

And over the years, it has blossomed. My relationship with my wife.

Love our wives with a sanctifying. Love Christ. Gave himself for his bride that he might sanctify and cleanse it with a washing of water by the word. What is most important? What is the most important gift? A husband can get his wife.

Family worship any any other. What's that himself Christ?

Well, it's not money, it's not a house, not a car or nothing, any material value. Anything material value. But best gift that we can give is to bring her to God said, she can glorify him and enjoy him forever. We speak the word to her. Pray for her. Pray for her soul, both in private prayer time and with her as well.

Man. God calls us to be priestly ministers with our wives that we cannot be her Savior. We can be at flesh and blood image of a savior. It is truly amazing that the Father is given us. This responsibility because we are poor weak, foolish and corrupt. But in Christ, our priest, we have everything.

We need to serve our wives in a priestly manner that, amen. I was reading through that section. It really was encouraging to me.

So the we also need to intercede for our children. Christian fathers can and can and do share in Christ. Priestly work by praying for their children. We see this priestly work in the way Job ministered before the Lord for his family and Job 1 verse 1 and verse 4, through 5 like Job.

We must intercede for our children.

Are, if we do not pray for our children, we We can. If we do not pray for our children, how can we say that we fear the Lord? It should not be some tragedy or moral disaster to make us. Pray for our family, We would pray for our children, knowing that we must bring even the secret sins of their hearts to the Holy ones.

Let us pray in the fear of the Lord. Knowing that our hearts and there's our deeply corrupt. I want to pause here for a second because I Earlier last week are my office was having this team meeting team building session and they had a gentleman come into speak to us.

It was a I think he was, he was like a psychologist or psychiatrist. Anybody you ever heard of these? These self-assessment, he's like Myers Briggs and he's different type of tests. So we're going through this this exercise. And the one thing he kept saying that that struck me saying the beginning of knowledge is an understanding of self.

He kept saying that the beginning of knowledge of the understanding itself so that kind of struck me, I was like wow that that is completely opposite of what the word says. So anyway, I just that came to me. I just wanted to share that with y'all because because of what we talked about here,

Intercede for our children with urgency. We don't know how much time we or any one of us our sons or daughters will remain on earth. So, we need to pray for them. Now interseed for your children with perseverance, We must ask ourselves. Are we faithful in the priestly work, in the priestly work of intercession.

We should pray for our children. Daily one by one. So that they may each know his sin, Each may keep his sin. Each may go to the Savior and may live a life of holiness. We serve our families as priests by looking to the great high priests whose blood and righteousness can save the most hard hard-hearted, child and drive out the most stubborn sin of a believer.

We are given a wonderful privilege by Christ to be priest in Him and let us not deny this privilege, make our homes, a holy temple, in which we offer daily sacrifices of love to our wives. And to our children, lift prayers for our children, like a sweet-smelling, incense to the throne of grace.

So we exercise our priestly ministry as husbands and fathers. We will discover the presence of the living God in our family. I just wanted to say to that. I I been speaking to my father, As you all know, my father's dealing with cancer and I had a very intimate conversation with him And what I was assured of was his salvation Talk about being a priest in the home, you know, our children but also our family members

So that that ended up self made. Wow, made a huge difference in my life, in my sharing, my beliefs, with my family. And knowing that my father is a believer. He's come to Christ and knows Christ is the Savior. So That was very impactful to me and I was through several several conversations.

I had with my dad, wonderful conversations by the way, which I had never had that type of conversation with him before, but it's very special. Someone to share that with you. So we've just discussed the priest and in the home. So we'll look at King in the home. The Son of God is the most High King Supreme and His authority and sovereign in his power.

The Heidelberg Catechism explains Christ anointing as king saying he is ordained of God. The Father and anointed with the Holy Ghost to be our eternal King who governs us by his word and spirit and who defends and preserves us. And in the enjoyment of the salvation he has purchased for us.

Worldly dictators tyrants. And other oppressors? Pretend godlike majesty. They cannot use serve the Lord's. Throne. We see that a lot. Don't we God's graciously extends, the sure mercies of His covenant with David to all believers. Granting us the promise to reign with him as God, Isaiah 55:30 and Revelations.

1:6 and 5 10 as well. God's purpose and creation. I'm sorry. But God's purpose in creation that man has his very image should subdue and have demand dominion over the earth and sea Genesis 1:26 through 28 Fathers have the right? And responsibility to be images of the king in our homes.

We are to be kings in the home, whose rule is just wise and loving. So, how does the head of the household exercise? This loving authority. One is we defend our children at time at it At times. A father must defend his children from physical danger. Praise the Lord.

I am happy to do that but I am prepared to do that. However, we must be mindful of defending our family. Spiritually spiritually as well. Our fight is with divine

weapons. Not weapons of the flesh. Second Corinthians. 10, defend our children against the ungodly abuse of electronic media communications to communication technology can at times be helpful.

However. And I think for the day that went over this, mmm, or by my communication. But anyway, can be helpful. However, it can also create an illusion of intimacy without fostering rural relationships or an active life of service. So we need to be mindful that with with the proliferation of digital media and devices.

In our culture, We should provide family-orientation oriented alternatives such as reading to them, which we do playing games sports together as a family, and involving them in your own work or recreational. Pursuits. So, we need to also defend our children against unwise, romantic relationships romance. Can be stronger than, than death and young people often lack, the wisdom to discern the end results of immediate choices.

The ideal of parent, parental supervision. May seem archaic in burdensome but in Proverbs we see the wise father repeating warnings warning, his son, against immoral women. That's verse 2:16 through 19. Reasonable rules in godly counsel in context of a loving relationship with your children. Will go a long way to defend them against the sexual perverse.

This sexual perverse culture defend your children against unjust authorities. What you go to bat for your kids for your children? I will Father should stand up for their children, against powerful and intimidating figures with fearless Respectful integrity. We must teach them to stand for themselves against such and justice.

Our children will love and respect us. If we use our kingly authority to defend them from evil. But even if they do not your exercising of kingly authority will bring glory to Christ. Discipline your children Jesus says in Revelation 3:19 as many as I love I rebuke and chasten by zealous but I'm sorry.

Jason these zealous. Therefore and repent Christ is the perfect image of God. The Father of whom Hebrews 12:6 says for whom the Lord loveth. He chasing it and scourges scourges every son whom he receive it. Therefore, it comes.

No surprise that the Bible often calls fathers to discipline their children. Even corporately corporal with Proverbs 13:24 1918 and 2215. So discipline your children in love. Ford dealing with your child, search your your heart Never discipline while your heart is full of wrath. Biblical discipline is always an act of love.

Our children will recognize kindness and we'll respond accordingly. Do not provoke your children to anger discipline, only after instruction and reproof Do not discipline. A do not discipline a childish. Childish, misunderstanding only willful disobedience to a clear and specific command. Make sure your child understands your expectations. Discipline with appropriate, use of corporal punishment, a firm spank on the child's rear end will not injure him, but will teach him what mere words.

Cannot sin does hurt. I've, I have my parents use Scorpals punishment when they disciplined me. Fortunately, I had to go out and get the device of punishment and bring it into the house and tell me go get a stick off the tree So many you older folks. Could I remember that?

Go get the switch. Okay. Discipline. Your children and honor never humiliate a child in front of others, discipline in the form of honor in which you're you treat children, as responsible thinking, people, discipline your children with consistency. Amen. I speak to that because a lot of times I'm not consistent, consistent discipline will help your children.

See. Past you to the unchanging law of God. Discipline. Your children for repentance Always. Remember that the goal of discipline as our Lord said is that those we love should repent and be zealous for God. A spank should be like a tap of the shepherd staff on the side of a sheep headed for the edge of a cliff discipline, your children in prayer, fuel prayerful.

Humility. Do not discipline in an attempt to control your children Soon. You will discover you cannot discipline is a form of human guidance. We must join our instructions, rebukes appeals. And spankings to sincere petitions to the Lord that He will take away the heart of flesh through our children.

He alone is king of our hearts.

So in conclusion, I know all fathers feel guilt. As we should about our failures, our inadequacy and leading our families. But I want you to know, brothers, but let me remind you that when you become discouraged and you will try to lead your family and disciple ship. The Lord Christ says to you, I am with you always even unto the end of the world.

Matthew 28:20. Remember, we cannot exercise the Office of Christ, apart from Christ, apart from him, you can do nothing but if you abide in him, you will bear much fruit. Look to Christ rely upon the Holy Spirit, who anoint you out of his fullness.

When guilt and shame.

Take your sins as a husband, and a father to your great, high priest, wash your conscious, and His precious blood cry out to the lamb who was slain. So that you can love your wife and your children as Christ loves his own. Your weakness can be the platform where his strength is.

Displayed. So I like to read this prayer a securitan prayer, that was mentioned in the book. Let those that are united to me and tendered tender ties. Be prayed, be precious in thy sight and devote to thy glory sanctify and prosper. My domestic discipline. My domestic example, that my house may be a nursery for heaven and a church as a garden of the Lord enrich as trees of righteousness of thy planting for thy glory.

Let not those in my family fall short of heaven as last. But grant that the promising appearance of Tinder conscious of soft hearts of the alarms. And delights of thy word. May not be blotted out but may bring forth judgment unto victory in all those whom I love

I want to thank you all for Your prayers.

For your attentiveness and I also suggest that you all if you don't have this book please get it. It is a It's one of those books you should keep at your your desk at your nightstand everywhere. So you can always refer to because there's some valuable truths in this.

So, I want to thank you all, maybe close in prayer, About the guy. We thank you again for your truths for leading and guiding us to be leaders in our homes, father for giving us the office of priest profit, and King in our home. So that we may lead our wives and our children righteously May your word, watch us.

Lord. And may we be examples of who you've created us to be in our homes. Lord, We thank you for your mercy and your grace. You bestow upon us each day and we glorify you in Jesus name. Amen.