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LESSON 18 – WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT ROLES IN THE HOME

I. Introduction/Recap

- A. Masculinity – “a sense of benevolent responsibility to lead, provide for, and protect women in ways appropriate to a man’s differing relationships”
- B. Femininity – “a freeing disposition to affirm, receive, and nurture strength and leadership from worthy men in ways appropriate to a woman’s differing relationships”

II. Biblical Basis For Roles In the Home

A. Ephesians 5:21-33

1. This passage is founded upon the expectation, on both men and women, for Christian humility.
2. Paul calls wives to submit to their own husbands as to the Lord.
3. Wives are to submit because the husband is the head of the wife, just as Christ is the head of the church.
4. Husbands are to love their wives just as Christ loved the church.
5. Husbands are to give of themselves for their wives’ benefit.
6. Husbands are to love their wives as they love themselves.
7. Both husband and wife should remember that their marriage speaks to the world about Christ’s relationship with his church.

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B. 1 Peter 3:1-7

1. Godly submission is powerful, effective, beautiful and rewarding in and of itself.
2. Godly leadership involves a man's deliberate thoughtfulness toward and joyful honoring of his wife.
3. A husband should do this because his wife is a fellow heir with him of God's promises.

III. Application

- A. Husband and wife have distinctive, God-given main roles within the family—man as provider and protector, and woman as wife and mother.
- B. What about the wife and/or mother working outside the home?
- C. How should husbands and wives make decisions?
- D. How should husband and wife care for and discipline their children?
- E. How should husband and wife allocate other duties and responsibilities?
- F. How should single men and women think about biblical masculinity and femininity in the home?