

The Calling of a Father and Husband

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Father

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.”

(Ephesians 6:4)

Father

a. Teach the Word of God

“Bring them up in **the discipline** and **instruction of the Lord.**” (Eph 6:4b)

“And **these words that I command you** today shall be on your heart. You shall **teach them diligently to your children**, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.” (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Father

b. Teach with Gentleness

“Fathers, **do not provoke** your children to anger.” (Eph 6:4a)

“Fathers, **do not provoke** your children, lest they become discouraged.” (Colossians 3:21)

-Teach by modeling

“Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.” (1 Corinthians 11:1)

Father

c. Application

Family Devotion Time

- Patience
- Perseverance
- Prayer



Husband

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ... In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— for we are members of his body.”

(Ephesians 5:25-30)

Husband

a. The Command to Husbands

To Fathers : Eph 6:4 (1 verse)

To Husbands : Eph 5:25 - 33 (8 verses)

To Wives : Eph 5:22 - 24 (3 verses)

Husband

b. Ephesians - Theology

The Book of Ephesians

Ch 1–3 : Theology

The truth about God and His Work

Ch 4–6 : Application

Based on that truth, How should we live?

Husband

b. Ephesians - Theology

- We were **dead** in sin.

=> But God made us **alive** together **with Christ**. By grace, God **raised us up** with Christ and seated us with Him in heaven **in Christ**. (2:1, 5-6)

Husband

b. Ephesians - Theology

- Christ **reconciles** all believers to God in **one body** through the cross.
- We became **members of the household** of God.
- **In Christ**, we are **being built together** into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.
(2:15-16, 19, 22)

Christ unites all believers into His body.

=> The mystery of Christ = **the Church**

Husband

b. Ephesians - Theology

Paul prays that we would **know** this status & power given to us.

“the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of **wisdom** and of **revelation in the knowledge** of him .. that you may **know** what is **the hope** to which he has called you ... and what is the immeasurable greatness of **his power** toward us who believe .. (1:17-19)

Husband

c. Ephesians - Application

Therefore,

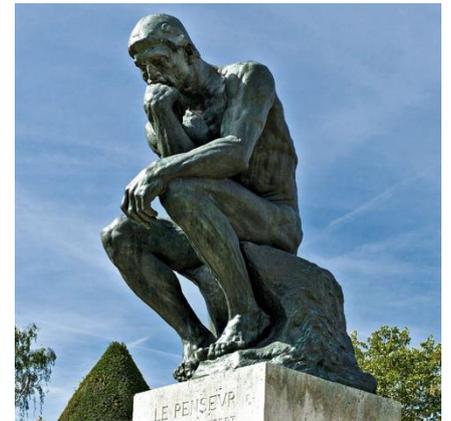
- **Walk in a manner worthy of the calling** to which you have been called. (4:1)
- **Grow up in every way into him** who is the head, into Christ. (4:15)
- **Be imitators of God**, as beloved children. (5:1)

Husband

“Christian life is about becoming what you already are.” - John MacArthur

“The sculpture is already complete within the marble block, before I even start my work. It is already there, I just have to chisel away the superfluous material.”

- Auguste Rodin



Husband

d. Love Your Wife

“Husbands, love your wives, **as Christ loved the church** and gave himself up for her.” (5:25)

- We are designed to love our wives in the same way.
- We are capable to conquer the division.
- High Calling

Conclusion

1. Fathers, teach the word of God to our children with love and gentleness.
2. Husbands, love our wives as Christ loves the Church.