



# Newsletter

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## ARE YOU HEAD OF YOUR HOME?

By Brett Hickey

Over twenty years ago, as a young preacher, I was visiting a family in an attempt to help draw them back to the church. They had been away for some time, and I was told that one of the issues was the father's drinking problem. At some point during my visit in their home, the husband became annoyed by something his wife had told him. Holding a can of beer in his hand and apparently with at least a couple more cans consumed earlier that afternoon, he told her, with an air of confidence, but with a bullying spirit that suggested he was a God-ordained tyrant, "The Bible says 'the man is the head of the house!'"

What this man enthusiastically assumed was the proper application of Scripture, is actually a common misinterpretation of the biblical teaching from passages like the following:

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well pleasing to the Lord. Fathers, do not provoke your children, lest they become discouraged" (Colossians 3:18-21). (See also 1 Cor 11:3; Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4)

A careful examination of these Scriptures presents a much different picture than was portrayed by this man. The Spirit does not authorize—much less promote—the role of dictator for the husband and father in a Christian home. Instead, the Bible

teaches that a godly, family man will be a spiritual leader—one who does not drive his family into submission with a rod or a whip, but instead leads his family to serve God as they witness his wholesome example.

The mother's role in rearing children is so significant that men are often led to underestimate how vital their relationship and example is to their children. Consider the results of a study in Switzerland by Werner Haug and Philippe Wanner:

If both a father and mother go to church regularly, 33% of their children will become regular

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churchgoers and 41% will attend church, but not regularly. If a father attends irregularly while his wife goes regularly, only 3% of their children will attend regularly while 59% will attend irregularly. If a father never goes to church and the mother goes regularly, 2% of their children will attend regularly and 37% irregularly. If a father attends regularly while the mother attends sporadically or not at all, the percentage of children who become regular churchgoers jumps to 38% while 44% in such an environment attend sporadically. Two studies in the United States show similar patterns.

Church attendance is only one indicator of spiritual strength, but clearly the spiritual leadership of a godly father will have a tremendous impact on his family.

Husbands and fathers, as we embark on the year 2016, let us renew our determination to be the spiritual leader in our home that God needs us to be.



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### **1 Corinthians 11:3**

But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.

### **Ephesians 5:22-33**

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### **Ephesians 6:1-4**

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

We support Brett Hickey's message, and the truths taught in the Bible for all mankind. We assist bringing this TV program to the north Texas area, and are glad you have watched the program! We would like you to visit any of our worship services!

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