

## THE GODLY MAN IN THE HOME

### 6 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

#### FIRST FAMILY STORY – FIRST FATHER ADAM

- Genesis 2: 7-8, - The first man and Eden the first home, but this is as yet incomplete..
- Genesis 2:18-25 – The state of man’s incompleteness, loneliness and need for help revealed.
- Genesis 2:24 – Therefore shall a man leave ...and cleave to his wife
- Will make him an help v 18, cleave to his wife...one wife
- 2:19, 20 – Adam given work/responsibility....

First marriage, first home. But this is the earthly picture of the relationship between Christ and the Church Ephesians 5: 25-32. So far, so good!!

#### Chapter 3

The above sets the scene for our teaching – 6 Areas of Responsibility.

- 1) Responsibility to God - Adam
- 2) Responsibility to Wife - Adam
- 3) Responsibility to Children – Eli, proverbs
- 4) Responsibility to Workers in home – Abraham – difference between a good idea and a godly idea
- 5) Responsibility to neighbours/outsideers - David
- 6) Responsibility to self - Jonah

### **Responsibility to God – Adam**

- **Gen 2:15** And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it – **RESPONSIBILITY FOR GARDEN, OCCUPATION ADAM MADE RULER, STEWARD,CUSTODIAN-ANSWERABLE TO GOD, MUST BE FAITHFUL**
- **Gen 2:16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Gen 2:17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.- **PUTS BOUNDARIES THAT ADAM SHOULD NOT CROSS – FOR HIS OWN GOOD AND LATER THAT OF HIS FAMILY.**
- **Gen 2:19** And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof.
- **Gen 2:20** And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. – **LEARNING PROCESS, AS ADAM GETS TO KNOW THE FULL EXTENT OF THE CREATION HE IS TO BE RULER OF.....**

- Adam's primary relationship is with GOD his creator, friend, master and GOD – THIS MUST BE CULTIVATED BEFORE ANY OTHER RESPONSIBILITY IS ASSIGNED-THE GODLY MAN MUST KNOW HIS GOD – WHY???? LIFE'S TESTS, THOSE AROUND YOU MAY TRY TO DERAILED YOU AND CAUSE YOU LIKE ADAM TO MISS YOUR DESTINY!!!

## **Responsibility to the wife**

**Gen 2:21** And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; **Gen 2:22** And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. – GOD BRINGS EVE TO ADAM!!

**Gen 2:23** And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. **Gen 2:24** Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**Gen 2:25** And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed  
GOD'S MODEL – ONE MAN ONE WIFE, WILL BE MOST INTIMATE PARTNER THROUGH LIFE – THE GODLY MAN WILL RECOGNISE THIS AND DEFEND THIS MODEL

BUT GOING BACK TO CH 1

**Gen 1:26** And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

**Gen 1:27** So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**Gen 1:28** And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

A LIFE OF BLESSING, DOMINION AND GLORY AWAITS...IF ADAM HAS LEARNED HIS LESSONS BEFORE MARRIAGE.....BUT

GENESIS 3:

**Gen 3:1** Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? **Gen 3:2** And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: **Gen 3:3** But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

**Gen 3:4** And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

**Gen 3:5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Gen 3:6** And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Gen 3:7** And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they *were* naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.

WOMAN WEAKER VESSEL, HAD NOT HAD THE SAME RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AS ADAM, SEPARATED FROM ADAM, TEMPTED ADAM NOW CLOSE, RECEIVES FRUIT FROM WIFE....

**Gen 3:8** And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

**Gen 3:9** And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

**Gen 3:10** And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

**Gen 3:11** And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

**Gen 3:12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

**Gen 3:13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

RESULT –

ADAM, EVE FALL FROM GLORY AND GRACE – SIN AND DEATH ENTER AND LIFE IS A BATTLE TO UNDO MANY OF THESE EFFECTS

GODLY MAN IN THE HOME

- MUST BE A PRIEST AND TEACHER OF THE TRUTH
- MUST DISCIPLE WIFE & FAMILY
- MUST BE PROTECTIVE OF WIFE FROM EVIL – DON'T BE PASSIVE BYSTANDER!!
- COME FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS – TRADITIONAL AFRICAN , COVENANTS,
- MUST BREAK FROM PAST RELATIONSHIPS AFTER MARRIAGE
- MUST TOGETHER SHUN THE DEVIL
- DO NOT SET YOUR EYES ON WHAT YOU CANNOT RIGHTEOUSLY HAVE!!
- MUST FULFIL HIS ROLE AS PROVIDER – PHYSICAL, EMOTIONAL, SEXUAL

RESPONSIBILITY TO WIFE – NEW TESTAMENT

**Eph 5:25** Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

**Eph 5:26** That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

**Eph 5:27** That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

**Eph 5:28** So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.

**Eph 5:29** For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:

Eph 5:30 For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.

Eph 5:31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.

Eph 5:32 This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

Eph 5:33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife *see* that she reverence *her* husband.

## **RESPONSIBILITY TO CHILDREN**

1Sa 2:12 Now the sons of Eli *were* sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.

1Sa 2:13 And the priests' custom with the people *was, that*, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand;

1Sa 2:14 And he struck *it* into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither.

1Sa 2:15 Also before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sodden flesh of thee, but raw.

1Sa 2:16 And *if* any man said unto him, Let them not fail to burn the fat presently, and *then* take *as much* as thy soul desireth; then he would answer him, *Nay*; but thou shalt give *it me* now: and if not, I will take *it* by force.

1Sa 2:17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

1Sa 2:18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, *being* a child, girded with a linen ephod.

1Sa 2:19 Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought *it* to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.

1Sa 2:20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman for the loan which is lent to the LORD. And they went unto their own home.

1Sa 2:21 And the LORD visited Hannah, so that she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

1Sa 2:22 Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

1Sa 2:23 And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people.

1Sa 2:24 Nay, my sons; for *it is* no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress.

1Sa 2:25 If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them.

- ELI WAS A MAN OF GOD A PRIEST
- FAILED TO BRING UP HIS CHILDREN WELL – PASTORS WORKERS, FAMILY IS FIRST MINISTRY!!
- CHILDREN DESCRIBED AS SONS OF BELIAL...THEY KNEW NOT GOD
- THEY TOO WERE PRIESTS – CORRUPTED THE SYSTEM OF SACRIFICES
- CAUSEWD THE NATION OF ISRAEL TO ABHOR THE OFFERING OF GOD
- COMMITTED IMMORALITY WITH THE WOMEN ASSEMBLED AT THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION V 22

- INCREASED THE SIN IN ISRAEL
- JUDGED BY GOD

PROVERBS –

- **Pro 1:10** My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

KEEP THE RIGHT COMPANY

- **Pro 2:1** My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee;
- **Pro 2:2** So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, *and* apply thine heart to understanding;
- **Pro 2:3** Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;
- **Pro 2:4** If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as *for* hid treasures;
- **Pro 2:5** Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.
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BE OBEDIENT TO PARENTS - WILL LEARN THE FEAR AND KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

HARD WORK – PROVERBS 12: 24

**Pro 12:24** The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: but the slothful shall be under tribute.  
**Pro 12:27** The slothful *man* roasteth not that which he took in hunting: but the substance of a diligent man *is* precious.

DISCIPLINE –

- **Pro 13:24** He that spareth his rod hateth his son: but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes
- **Pro 19:18** Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying.
- **Pro 22:6** Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- **Pro 22:15** Foolishness *is* bound in the heart of a child; *but* the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- **Pro 23:13** Withhold not correction from the child: for *if* thou beatest him with the rod, he shall not die.
- **Pro 23:14** Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his soul from hell.

GODLY MAN WILL DISCIPLINE HIS CHILDREN WITH THE ROD OF CORRECTION, IT WILL BE DONE EARLY WHEN THERE IS HOPE AND IT WILL BE DONE OFTEN...BUT IT WILL NOT BE EASY....IT WILL HURT BOTH OF YOU.

LIVE BY EXAMPLE AS THEY WILL WANT TO EMULATE YOU!!

**Pro 20:7** The just *man* walketh in his integrity: his children *are* blessed after him.

**Responsibility to Workers in home – Abraham – difference between a good idea and a godly idea**

**Gen 16:1** Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name *was* Hagar.

**Gen 16:2** And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the LORD hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, go in unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai.

**Gen 16:3** And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.

**Gen 16:4** And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes.

**Gen 16:5** And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong *be* upon thee: I have given my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the LORD judge between me and thee.

**Gen 16:6** But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid *is* in thy hand; do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

**Gen 16:7** And the angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur.

**Gen 16:8** And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sarai.

**Gen 16:9** And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands.

**Gen 16:10** And the angel of the LORD said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude.

**Gen 16:11** And the angel of the LORD said unto her, Behold, thou *art* with child, and shalt bear a son, and shalt call his name Ishmael; because the LORD hath heard thy affliction.

**Gen 16:12** And he will be a wild man; his hand *will be* against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of all his brethren.

THE GODLY MAN WILL KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD IDEA AND A GODLY IDEA

MANY TIMES THE DEVIL MAY USE THOSE CLOSEST TO YOU TO CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE – INCLUDING WIVES

WHEN CONSEQUENCES ARE CLEAR, THE WIFE MAY TURN BACK AND BLAME YOU!!!

CALLS GODLY MEN TO BE TRUE LEADERS AND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND THE WAYS OF GOD ARE PARAMOUNT

GODLY MAN WILL KNOW THAT MANY TIMES THE BEST THING YOU MAY HAVE TO DO IS TO SAY NO TO YOUR WIFE!

REMEMBER JOB – WHY DON'T YOU JUST CURSE GOD AND DIE!

ABRAHAM HAS HAD THESE HIDDEN IMPERFECTIONS AND GOD CONFRONTS HIM WITH THEM IN GEN 17:1

GODLY MAN YOU MUST ENFORCE THE BOUNDARIES IN YOUR HOME.....THOSE THAT WORK FOR YOU ARE NOT YOUR FAMILY, KEEP YOUR SONS FROM MAIDS, DAUGHTERS FROM MENSERVANTS!!

Gen 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I *am* the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

### **RESPECT THE BOUNDARIES OF THE NEIGHBOURS**

2Sa 11:1 And it came to pass, after the year was expired, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried still at Jerusalem.

2Sa 11:2 And it came to pass in an eveningtide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman washing herself; and the woman *was* very beautiful to look upon.

2Sa 11:3 And David sent and enquired after the woman. And *one* said, *Is* not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?

2Sa 11:4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; for she was purified from her uncleanness: and she returned unto her house.

2Sa 11:5 And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I *am* with child.

GODLY MAN WILL

- LEARN NOT TO SET HIS EYES ON WHAT HE CANNOT RIGHTEOUSLY HAVE
- UNDERSTAND THE SLIPPERY SLOPE OF SIN...AVOID SIN AT ALL COSTS – 1THESS 5:22 ABSTAIN FROM EVERY APPEARANCE OF EVIL.
- KNOW THE CONSEQUENCES OF SIN DOWN GENERATIONS – TAMAR, AMMON, ABSOLOM.
- AVOID IDLENESS – WHILE KINGS GO TO WAR.....
- DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF TEMPTATION – FLEE
- WRITTEN FOR OUR EXAMPLE- TO LEARN FROM, TO AVOID
- NOT SEEK TO HIDE SIN BUT CONFESS IT

### **RESPONSIBILITY TO SELF – THE STORY OF JONAH**

Jon 1:1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Jon 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jon 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

- BE TRUE TO YOUR CALLING
- WILL NOT FLEE FROM THE PRESENCE OF GOD
- PETER TO JESUS – YOU HAVE THE WORDS OF LIFE –

#### THE PRIEST IN THE HOME

1Ti 3:1 This *is* a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

1Ti 3:2 A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

1Ti 3:3 Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

1Ti 3:4 One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

1Ti 3:5 (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

1Ti 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

#### NOT BY MIGHT OR POWER BUT BY THE SPIRIT – GALATIANS 5:23

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.