

## FATHER'S DAY MESSAGE

### "Roles For Men"

John 1:6

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#### Introduction

1. The key to a Christian home is the Lord. He is the One who builds it (Psa. 127:1). After the Lord, the most essential person to provide spirituality in a home is the husband/father.
2. Modern humanism has toned down the role of the man in the home. The denial of God and Scriptural bias has undercut the absolutes of the Bible. There has risen strong forms of anti-Biblical practices. Among these is the diminishing of the role of men.
3. This is God's world (Psa. 19, 24). He is the One who has laid down the rules by which the life is to be enjoyed. Violation of these can only bring disaster. There is a tremendous need to reaffirm the Word of God. Give yourself to study the roles of the father/husband:

#### 1. IN THE ASSEMBLY

##### a. He is to lead

This is gained by an examination of the passages which deal with the officers of the local church (cf. 1 Tim. 3:1-13). There is absolutely no place for women to be deacons, elders, bishops, or pastors. They couldn't be in these roles for each one requires a wife (vv. 3, 11). So all the fuss about women's rights in the pulpit are clearly stated--they have none!

##### b. He is to pray

Public prayer is specifically the responsibility of men (1 Tim. 2:8). The use of the Greek term for male persons makes this a matter of unquestionable firmness. Admittedly, this does not rule out women's prayer groups.

##### c. He is to teach

Women are not allowed to speak nor even ask questions in the assembly (1 Cor. 14:33-35). They are to remain silent and in subjection (taking their own order). This subjection is commanded (1 Tim. 2:11). They are not allowed to take any precedence over men in matters of authority

(1 Tim. 2:11-12) The word "authority" is really the term for autocrat or master. A woman, then, must not have any authority or place of dominance in a local assembly. This all being true, it must be that the man take the leadership. How tragically this rule is violated in most places!

## 2. IN THE HOME

### a. Head

While modern trends lead children to control homes, the Bible places the husband/father in that role (1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 5:23). Such headship means he holds the decision making process in his hands. Direction for the home comes from him.

### b. Love

The atmosphere of love will permeate a home if the husband plays his role (Eph. 5:25). His attitude toward his children will also lead to this (Eph. 6:4). This is a huge charge for the sex which is not always given to this particular emotion.

### c. Teach

The resource for Biblical truth lies with the man (1 Cor. 14:33-35). This is inherent in the role he is to take with his wife in replying to her questions. Single women probably are expected to get their answers from the pastor or other male persons in the assembly. This role is also accented in that children are to be trained (nurtured) and disciplined (admonished) in the Lord by their fathers (Eph. 6:4). These two responsibilities are frighteningly massive! They include value systems, views on Christian living, and interpretation of the Bible. It is more than just living before the children, but it is actually vocalizing the teaching.

### d. Care

While a single man apparently has but one care (the Lord), the husband/father has two (the Lord and his family), as declared (1 Cor. 7:33). This is a double concern. The man who has no care for the home is irresponsible before God.

Conclusion If ever there was a need, this is it: for men of God. May it so be today that you, my brother, are a man sent from God to the assembly and to the home in which you live. To God be glory and honor both now and forever.