

Role of Men

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2:15

- Before the fall of man, Adam was given primary responsibility for working in the Garden.

And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Genesis 3:17-19

- After the fall, Adam is still the one whom God expects to provide for the families' needs, although now it would be much harder.

But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel. I Timothy 5:8

- God expects the men to care for the needs of the family.

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

Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. Acts 6:3

- God has given men the primary responsibility of spiritual leadership. This is seen all throughout the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. God has given men the tools necessary to lead. Though many ladies could lead, this is not God's expectation, and the exception is not the rule. In large, God has given men the emotional, spiritual, and physical fortitude to lead.

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 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. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. Ephesians 5:25-29

- A man is to love and lead his wife in Christ-like humility, looking to the true Head which is Christ. The man should always listen to what his wife has to say, and seriously consider the advice of the one whom God has given him to be his helpmeet, but ultimately he is to make the leadership decision and bear responsibility