



Sermon 7: A Husband's Particular Duties - Wielding Authority (Part 1)

Week 7 Discussion Guide

Synopsis

This message explores the instruction for husbands to love their wives as Christ loved the Church. We consider six aspects of Christ's love of his church, and how those aspects should play themselves out in a godly man's home. Christ's love is initiating, not responsive. Christ love is true and without hypocrisy. Christ's love is free and not dependent on our works. Christ's love is pure and undefiled or polluted by sin. Christ's love is infinite and never runs dry. Christ's love is constant and does not vary over time. In these ways, godly husbands can seek to mirror Christ's example in establishing godly homes.

Questions for Preparation Before the Message

1. What are practical ways that your authority as the head of your house is exercised?
2. What are the dangers to your household if you forsake the responsibility to exercise your authority faithfully and effectively?

Questions for Reflection After the Message

1. Some men have "relinquished authority" and allowed their wives to take leadership in the home. If you have seen this play out before, describe what you have seen, and how you might go about correcting that situation if you ever found yourself in it.
2. We described protecting our wives as more than just physical protection. We must protect their hearts and minds as well. Are there any areas where you have seen those you love fall into harm because nobody was there to protect them?
3. A chief responsibility of a husband is to be his wife's greatest cheerleader and promoter.
 1. Give an example where you successfully promoted your wife, and how she received those good words.
 2. Give an example where you missed an opportunity to promote your wife properly.



Main Idea of Message

Godly husbands wield their God-assigned authority for God's glory and their family's good.

Outline of Message

1. General Introduction to Authority & Common Pitfalls
 1. Relinquishing authority
 2. Abusing authority
2. The Best Way to Maintain Authority
3. The Best Way to Execute Authority
 1. Planning
 2. Provision
 3. Protection
 4. Promotion