

(D2: The Home)

A N.T. Survey of the man of the house

I. CONTEXT OF HOUSEHOLD COMMANDS

- Household commands fit within the context of household of faith commands.
- The members of the church are members of the household of God. [Eph. 2:19-21]
- Character in the household impacts the character of the church. [Titus 2:8,10; 3:1-10]
- God places high priority on the leaders of a household. [Titus 1:5-11]
- God gives specific directives for our role in every season of life. [Pastoral Epistles and Other]
- As a household member: masters, slaves, sons, husbands, fathers...
- As a household leader: master, husband, father

II. THE KIND OF MAN GOD CALLS US TO BE IN OUR HOUSEHOLD

A. A Managing-Well Man

To Manage: To direct, preside over, oversee, guide, lead; Literally to stand before.

- Well: Not only inherently good but aesthetically good or pleasing to the eye. This includes but is not limited to order in the house. Husbands are to manage in concert with their wife (I Timothy 5:14)

B. A Season-Able Man

Older men: Sober-minded, dignified, **self-controlled**, sound in faith, (**sound**) in love, (**sound**) in steadfastness. (Titus 2:2)

SOUND: in good health, uncorrupted, In good working order.

Younger men: **self-controlled** (Titus 2:6) To be of SOUND MIND, sensible (NAS)

Young or old: Peaceful, quiet, godly, dignified (I Timothy 2:2) and ready for..., zealous for..., devoted to ..., learning to devote ourselves to... To what? _____
_____ (Titus 2:14, 3:1,8,14, II Tim. 5:25, & Eph. 2:10)

C. A Ministering Man

- Helping cases of urgent need (Titus 3:14)
- Including the entire household (2 Timothy 1:16-18, 4:19) Examples: Onesiphorus.
- Ministry through hospitality (Rom. 12:13, Heb. 13:2, I Peter 4:9)

D. A Providing Man

- Extending the borders of our household (I Timothy 5:3-8)
- Purpose for the man to be above reproach [not leaving oneself open to the attack of legitimate criticism or accusation] (verse 7)
- Purpose for the church (I Timothy 5:16)

E. A Christlike Man in Marriage (Ephesians 5:25 & Col. 3:19)

Meditations upon some of the ways of the Love of the Lord for His bride: Pray for her. Pray with her. Know and be known by her. Help her prioritize. Provide refreshment for her. Help her to excel in being your co-laborer. Be with her. Be alone with her. Sacrifice for her. Stand up to her. Encourage her. Forgive her. Communicate to her your prayers for her. Nourish her. Cherish her. Be patient with her. Be gentle to her.

F. A Father-imitating Man in the home (Ephesians 6:4 and Colossians 3:21) The prohibition of provocation (Eph. 6:4a and Colossians 3:21)

Conduct unbefitting a father: Provocative and Unmanly Behavior

(from Successful Christian Parenting by John MacArthur Pp.134-145 and from "A checklist of ways parents provoke their children to anger" from Heart of Anger by Lou Priolo.)

Overprotection, Overindulgence, Favoritism, Unrealistic Goals, Discouragement, Neglect, Condescension, Withdrawing Love, Excessive Discipline, An unhealthy marriage, inconsistency in discipline, hypocrisy or double-standards, promise breaking, unhealthy comparisons, public ridicule

The command of teaching and training (6:4b)

Teaching vs. Training

Planned and premeditated

Morning and Evening

By example and by practice

G. An "On the Watch" Man

Our own heart desires (I Timothy 6:9-10) and prayers (James 4:3)

Green grass conspiracy (I Tim. 6:17-19)

Last days dangers (2 Timothy 3:1-9, Titus 1:10-11)

Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. (I Cor. 16:13)