

Who's In Charge in Your Home?

(Eph. 5:22-25; Gen. 3:1-7)

Intro: Many problems grow out of the marital relationship and life in the home. One that rears its ugly head repeatedly is the issue of authority/responsibility.

1. The Way It Was **MEANT TO BE** Eph. 5:22-25

- Husbands should **LOVE** their wives.
- Wives should **RESPECT/SUBMIT** to their husbands.

note: The pattern for roles and responsibilities in the marriage is based on the relationship of **CHRIST TO THE CHURCH**.

...Sounds pretty simple... so why doesn't it work better?

2. The Way It Was **IN THE GARDEN** Gen. 3:1-7

- Eve **USURPS** spiritual leadership in Adam's **ABSENCE**.
- Eve is **DECEIVED** and **DISOBEYS** God.
- Adam **FOLLOWS** Eve in sin and disobedience.

3. The Way It Is **IN THE WORLD**

The husband/wife relationship has become a power struggle, and it's the **MAN'S** fault...and the **WOMEN'S** fault. Our world is characterized by weak husbands and controlling wives. Women desire control, and men make it easy for them in their "absence". Who's in charge? It seems the wife has been in charge, yet God, speaking of the husband, says "he shall rule over you." (Gen. 3:16)

Points to Ponder:

- 1.) God's intention for husbands is to **LOVINGLY LEAD**.
- 2.) God's intention for wives is to **RESPECTFULLY SUBMIT**.

Key Areas for Male Leadership in the Home:

***SPIRITUAL**

***CHILD TRAINING/DISCIPLINE**

***FINANCIAL**

***PROBLEM SOLVING (ESP. IN RELATIONSHIPS)**