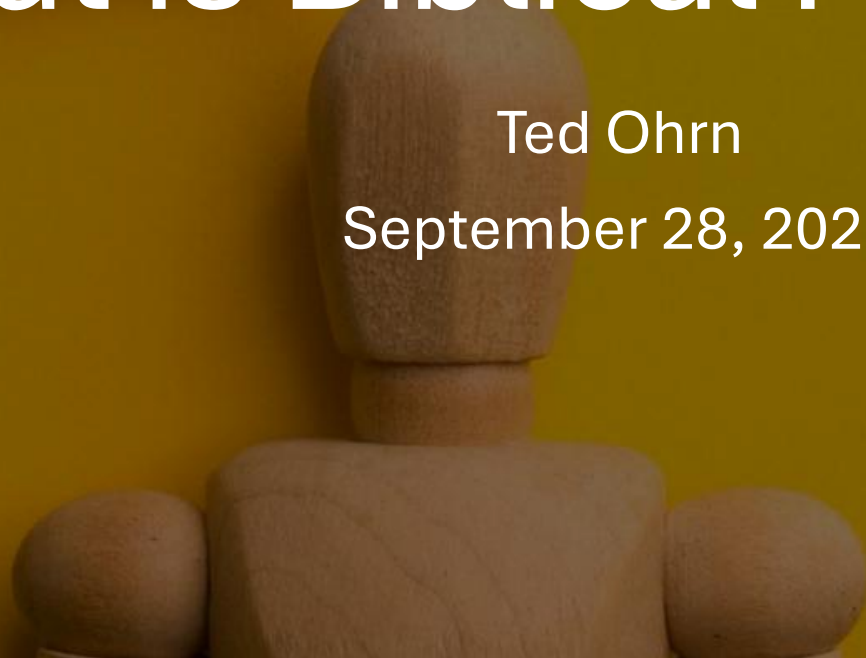




What is Biblical Manhood?

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Galatians 3:28

"There is neither Jew nor Gentile,
neither slave nor free, nor is
there male and female, for you
are all one in Christ Jesus."



Joint Heirs with Christ
(Gal 3:26 – 28)

Co-laborers for Christ
(Phil 4:3)


**We are made to complement
each other, not compete with
each other.**

A close-up photograph of a human hand, palm up, reaching towards a bright, hazy sun in the sky. The sun is positioned at the top center, creating a strong lens flare and illuminating the scene with a warm, golden light. The hand is in the lower foreground, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a soft, out-of-focus sky with a gradient of light colors.

Masculinity: the power to do good.

Psalm 62:11 - One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard: that you, O God, are strong, ¹² and that you, O Lord, are loving.

Biblical men are strong and loving, this shows through in their character and through holy and purposeful activity.



Be free of the fear of men
and full of the fear of
God.

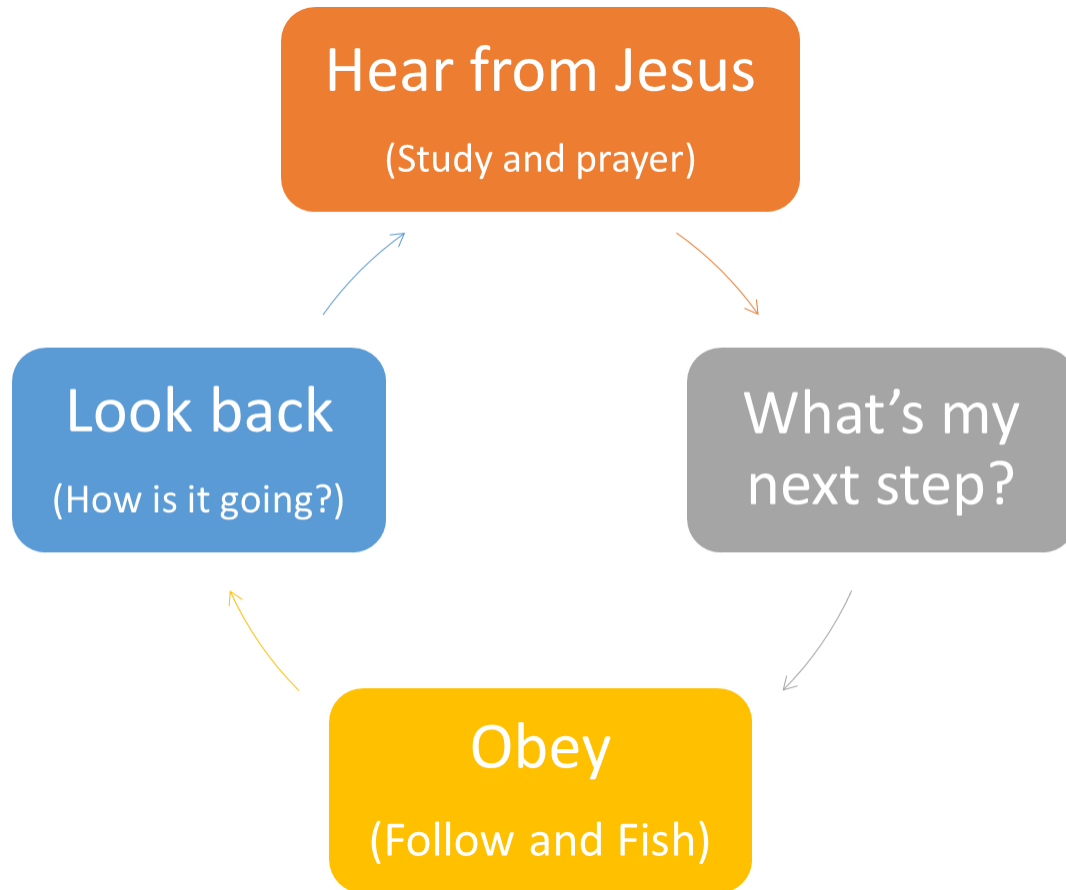
Men, you are called to lead courageously

- **At home**
- **In the church**
- **In the world**



A Biblical Man is Strong in Character

2 Peter 1:5-11



Man was Created to Lead In the Home

Eph 5:21-6:4



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Husbands

- Love your wife like CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH
- Nourish and cherish your wife
- Love your wife like you love yourself
- Bring up your children in the training and admonition of the Lord
- Do not exasperate your children.

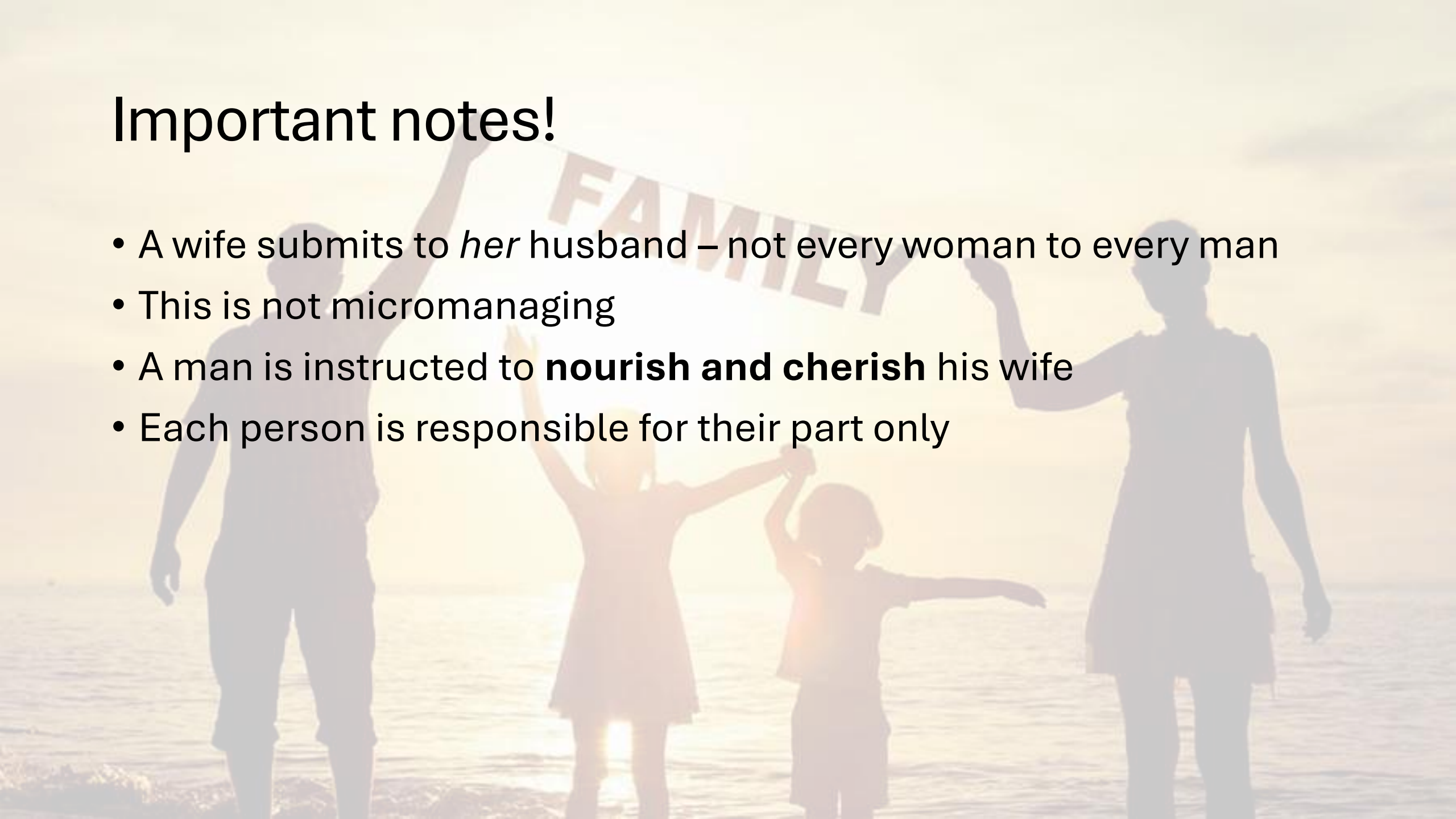
Wives

- Submit to your husband
- Respect your husband



Important notes!

- A wife submits to *her* husband – not every woman to every man
- This is not micromanaging
- A man is instructed to **nourish and cherish** his wife
- Each person is responsible for their part only



You are given authority so you can serve

Matt 20:25 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 26 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever wants to be first must be your slave -- 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Take responsibility for raising your children

- Build your life and your family's life on God's word
- Take responsibility for the spiritual training and discipline of your children
- Cultivate a sense of family
- Look for examples to follow
- Learn how to respect and not exasperate your children



Church eldership is reserved for men

Titus 1:6 An elder must live a blameless life. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be believers who don't have a reputation for being wild or rebellious. 7 A church leader is a manager of God's household, so he must live a blameless life. He must not be arrogant or quick-tempered; he must not be a heavy drinker, violent, or dishonest with money.

8 Rather, he must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must love what is good. He must live wisely and be just. He must live a devout and disciplined life.

Lead in the World

Col 3:23 Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. 24 Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ.

MEN

WORKING

Men needed: Created to be Creative

- God the Father - created all things visible and invisible
- Jesus - all things were created by Him and for Him, created the way of salvation via the cross
- Noah - built a floating zoo
- Abraham - took initiative to go to the land God would show Him
- Joseph - took initiative to respond to God's vision and create a way to save a nation from starving
- David - took initiative to conquer the foes of God
- Solomon - built the temple of the Lord
- Nehemiah/Ezra - lead the way to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem
- Zerubbabel - lead the rebuilding of the Temple
- John the baptist - prepared the way of Lord by crying out in the desert
- Peter - chose to preach the gospel and accept persecution
- Paul - broke new ground by taking the gospel where it had never been



A man takes initiative – he is not passive

What does passivity look like?

- Being ruled by the circumstances
- Vicarious living (sports/gaming)
- Fixation on the trivial (things we CAN conquer)
- Sexual addiction, in particular pornography

Masculinity is the Power to do Good!

It starts with a proper response to God fulfilled through rightly inspired action.

