

Who should lead?

The apostle Paul urges “submission of wives to their husbands in everything”!! Ephesians 5.24 (Phillips Modern English).

Doesn't that put Paul out of step with our modern home life and the husband/wife relationship in today's society?

First, the apostle makes it quite clear that men “are bound to love their wives as they love their own bodies.” Ephesians 5.28 (New English Bible).

That surely restrains any husband from being a home bully. Instead it requires his kindness, tenderness and the greatest of consideration at all times.

Second, when a husband accepts the role of home leader, he accepts responsibility for the outcome of family decisions.

For example, if the family buys too many items on credit, who is to blame? The leader. If the family never reads the Bible and knows little or nothing about Christ or his Church, who is at fault? God holds the man responsible. If the children are disrespectful and disobedient, it is the father who is answerable, not his wife.

Third, imagine what would happen across Australia if all husbands led their families responsibly as God intends. What a revolution! No more deserted wives, no more unfaithful husbands, no more drunken fathers.

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**“Obey your spiritual leaders . . . for their work is to watch over your souls,
and God will judge them on how well they do this.”**

– Hebrews 13.17 (Living Bible)

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