

Real Men
Ephesians 6:25-33
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We believe that God is honored by homes where Christ is revered as head, where husbands and wives live in mutual respect and love, and where children are nurtured in Christ-like character. We believe that families are to welcome and embrace those who have no families, and to extend hospitality to the lonely and neglected. We see the church as a "family of families," with families serving and loving people of all ages and stages.

Introduction

1. A real man loves sacrificially (Ephesians 5:25)
 - I Corinthians 13
2. A real man keeps it clean (Ephesians 5:26,27)
 - John 15:6; John 17:17-19; Ephesians 4:17 – 5:4
3. A real man meets practical needs (Ephesians 5:28,29)
 - II Thessalonians 3:10,12; I Timothy 5:8
4. A real man cuts the apron strings (Ephesians 5:31)
 - Genesis 2:24
5. A real man is not harsh (Colossians 3:19)
 - Proverbs 16:32
6. A real man is considerate (I Peter 3:7)
7. A real man is respectful (I Peter 3:7)
8. A real man puts God first (Psalm 128:1-4)

Daily Bible Readings
May 4 – 10

Follow-Throughs

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| Monday | I Corinthians 13
Read carefully through each of these statements concerning love. Read the passage again, substituting your own name for the word "love." To what extent does this passage describe you, especially in your life at home? |
| Tuesday | John 17:1-17
In what ways did Jesus express his love for his disciples? How could you show similar love to the believers who are closest to you, especially any in your own home? In what way can the purity of your own life benefit them? |
| Wednesday | Ephesians 4:17 – 5:21
What are some of the contrasts between the behavior of "children of light" and "children of darkness?" Is there any darkness in your life that you need to confess to the Lord as sin? Ask him to forgive you, and to fill you with his Holy Spirit. |
| Thursday | II Thessalonians 3:6-15
What reasons does Paul give for urging the believers at Thessalonica to work diligently? How would those at your workplace describe you as a worker? How would those in your home describe you? Ask the Lord to show you the proper balance of income-producing work, God-honoring rest, and service for Christ. |
| Friday | Proverbs 16:18-32
Which of these verses do you most need to apply in your life at home? Which do you most need to apply at your place of work? |
| <u>Warm-Ups</u> | |
| Saturday | Proverbs 31:10,11
What are some aspects of "noble" character? What sort of qualities in a woman would inspire the confidence of her husband? To what extent do the people closest to you know that you are worthy of their confidence? |
| Sunday | Proverbs 31:12-31
What is the impact of this woman on the various people in her life? What is the impact of your life on those closest to you? |