

# Mentor Guide – Role of Husband

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## Good mentors...

- **Pray:** simple and powerful
- **Listen:** people desire to feel heard
- **Ask:** good questions foster healthy conversation
- **Consider:** think carefully and biblically
- **Encourage:** uplift rather than criticize

## Good mentors avoid...

- **Fixing:** this is a person, not a project
- **Preaching:** walk alongside, don't talk at or down
- **Carrying:** be concerned but not overburdened
- **Blaming:** no condemnation
- **Rescuing:** you can't be the mentee's savior

## Scriptures

### Hope:

- [Joshua 24:15](#) (as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord)
- [Psalm 128](#) (blessed is the man who fears the Lord)
- [2 Timothy 2:15](#) (diligent workman, approved and unashamed)
- [Matthew 7:24-27](#) (wise man builds his house upon the Rock)
- [1 Samuel 16:7](#) (focus on the heart, not outward appearance)

### Help:

- [1 Corinthians 13:11](#) (became a man, put away childishness)
- [1 Corinthians.16:13-14](#) (act like men, be strong; do all in love)
- [Proverbs 31:11](#) (husband trusts in his wife)
- [Ephesians 4:14-16](#) (mature man, no longer children tossed)
- [1 Peter 3:7](#) (live with your wives in an understanding way)
- [Ephesians 5:25-33](#) (husbands, love your wives sacrificially)
- [Proverbs 31:28-29](#) (husband verbally praises his wife)
- [John 12:24](#) (unless a grain of wheat dies, it abides alone)
- [John 15:13](#) (there is no greater love than to lay down one's life)
- [Philippians 2:3-5](#) (do nothing from selfishness; put others first)
- [2 Timothy 2:1-7](#) (faithful men will teach others also)
- [Titus 2:2](#) (older men teach younger men about true manhood)
- [1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#) (love bears, believes, hopes, and endures)
- [Proverbs 29:11](#) (fools vent anger, but a wise man holds it back)

## Online Helps

### [What should be the husband's "role" in marriage?](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [Three Steps to Leadership](#)

by Bob Lepine

### [Nourish and Cherish](#)

by Bob Lepine

### [Five Tips for Investing in Your Wife](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [The Irresistible Man](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [Thirty Ways to Love Your Lover](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [Becoming the Man of Her Dreams](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [Go Get Her](#)

by Dennis Rainey

### [Do I Have to Give Up Golf?](#)

by Dennis and Barbara Rainey

### [Sex Is a Reflection of Oneness](#)

by Dave Boehi

### [More Online Helps for Husbands](#)

## Conversation Starters

- What is your understanding of the role of a husband? How do you think your spouse would answer that?
- What is your understanding of how that differs from the role of a wife? How do you think your spouse would answer that?
- What would you like to change about the way you and your spouse relate as husband and wife? What is currently keeping you from making those changes?
- What was your father like as a role model? In what ways have you as a husband imitated him or differed from him?
- What do you think the Bible means when it says the husband is to be the "head" of the home?
- Do you know any men who you consider good role models as husbands? What qualities do you see in them that you admire?
- Have you ever thought about asking those male role models any questions about their approach? What would you ask?
- Can you tell me a little about your relationship with God and how that influences your life as a man and as a husband?
- What is your plan for becoming a better husband? Are you reading any good books right now?
- How can I best help you right now as a mentor?

## Key Resources

### [Rocking the Roles](#)

by Robert Lewis & William Hendricks (Paperback Book)

### [The Christian Husband](#)

by Bob Lepine (Paperback Book)

### [Husbands Who Won't Lead—Wives Who Won't Follow](#)

by James Walker (Paperback Book)

### [For Men Only: A Straightforward Guide to the Inner Lives of Women](#)

by Jeff and Shaunti Feldhahn (Hardback Book)

### [Four Pillars of a Man's Heart](#)

by Stu Weber (Paperback Book)

### [How a Man Prays for His Family](#)

by John Yates (Hardback Book)

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### Biblical Portrait of a Husband

- A godly husband is fully submitted to Christ. ([Colossians 1:10-12](#))
- He loves his wife sacrificially. ([John 12:24](#))
- He diligently seeks to understand his wife. ([1 Peter 3:7](#))
- He lovingly teaches her the truth of God's word, both overtly and through his conduct. ([Ephesians 5:25-27](#))
- He is concerned about the spiritual well being of his wife and prays for her on a regular basis. ([Colossians 4:2](#))
- He does not rule over his wife or family; he is there to serve even as he leads. ([Mark 10:45](#))
- He takes seriously his responsibility to shepherd his family knowing that he must give an account to the Lord. ([Ephesians 6:4](#))
- He listens attentively to his wife to grow in his knowledge of her. ([Proverbs 31:11](#))
- He treats his wife with gentleness and understanding at all times. ([1 Peter 3:7](#))
- He places the interests of his wife above his own. ([Philippians 2:3-5](#))
- He is self-controlled, kind, humble, and not easily angered. ([Galatians 5:22-23](#))
- He is not ruled by alcohol or other forms of intoxication. ([Proverbs 20:1](#))
- He does not indulge in ungodly passions; instead he disciplines his body to bring it under God's authority. ([Galatians 5:24](#))
- He is ruled by Christ and places himself completely under His authority. ([1 Corinthians 11:3](#))
- He is not wise in his own eyes but relies on the wisdom of God as revealed in His word. ([Proverbs 26:12](#); [Psalm 1](#))
- He does not lean on his own understanding. ([Proverbs 3:5-6](#))
- His decisions and actions flow from his study and meditation on God's Word, rather than from his own desires. ([Ps.119:11](#))
- He takes great pleasure in his wife's body and is faithful to her. ([Genesis 2:24-25](#); [1 Corinthians 7:2](#))
- He recognizes that his body is not his own but also belongs to his wife. ([1 Corinthians 7:3-4](#))
- He uses his speech to edify and build up his wife and children. ([Colossians 4:6](#))
- He guards his tongue, using it for blessing rather than cursing. ([Ephesians 4:15](#))
- He provides for the financial needs of his family. ([1 Timothy 5:8](#))
- He praises his wife to her and others and treats her as a precious treasure. ([Proverbs 31:28-29](#))
- His life reflects the fruit of the Spirit ([Galatians 5:22-23](#)).
- He is a God-pleaser, not a man-pleaser. ([Galatians 1:10](#))

"Initiation is the bottom line of masculinity. It means taking the lead ... in providing, protecting, mentoring, and befriending. It means caring for and developing our mates, our children, and ourselves ... Masculinity means initiation." (Stu Weber, *Tender Warrior*, p. 47)

"When a woman thinks of security, her primary thought is not about a house, a savings account, or tuition for the kids. For her, emotional security matters most: feeling emotionally connected and close to you, and knowing that you are there for her no matter what." (Jeff Feldhahn, *For Men Only*, p. 76)

"A servant-leader husband is interested in arriving at the truth, in knowing what is right, not in who is 'winning.' He's a man of truth, not a scorekeeper. And he knows that his wife brings a valuable perspective and sensitivity to many issues that he barely understands. So he values her input, and together they determine what is right." (Robert Lewis, *Rocking the Roles*, p. 64)

"From the Bible's perspective, a leader in the home is that man who accepts responsibility for his family—to love, provide for, and protect them and to direct them along biblical guidelines. Given that, I believe every man can be a leader, regardless of his personality. He can do it even if he lacks the inspiration, articulation, and vision of a natural leader. Leadership of the family as a core responsibility is within the grasp of every man." (Robert Lewis, *Rocking the Roles*, p. 239)

"Men often joke about this assignment (1 Peter 3:7): 'Who can understand a woman?' God has answered the question loud and clear. You can. You can understand a woman. Husbands can understand wives if they will take the time and energy to focus on them as feminine persons who need their husbands' honor." (Stu Weber, *Four Pillars of a Man's Heart*, p. 214)

"Husbands are never told to order their wives to submit, but to love and lead them in such a way that makes it easy for them to do so voluntarily." (Dennis Rainey, *Preparing for Marriage*, p. 172)

"The husband who 'serves' his wife by continually yielding to her desires or her wishes is in fact asking her to do his job for him. He's ignoring his responsibility to lead." (Bob Lepine, *The Christian Husband*, p. 134)

"When a husband and wife refuse to allow anything to divide them, they become an impregnable force in the war on the family. When emotional energies are not spent on fighting one another, they can then be used constructively to build up their children." (Steve Farrar, *Point Man*, p. 28)

"A commitment to love our wives involves not only proactive, self-sacrificing love, but also the responsibility of being an agent of sanctification in our wives' lives. The goal of our love is to see our wives become more like Christ." (Bob Lepine, *The Christian Husband*, p. 202)