

# Series: Biblical Relationships

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## WEEK 7

### Section 4 – FAMILY

#### A. The BASIC role of the Father

1. The Father is the "**LEADER**" of the home - *1 Tim 3:4; Gal. 4:1-2*
  - He is completely responsible for meeting the family's needs – *1 Tim 5:8*
2. The Father must lead by **EXAMPLE** - *1 Tim 1:16; Titus 2:7*
  - Not just devotion time
  - Do as I "do" not as I "say"????????
3. The Father must take **full** and complete **RESPONSIBILITY** for the home *Eph 5:23b*
  - Identify each's weakness and help to strengthen – *2 Cor 12:9-10; Rom 15:1*
4. The Father must establish **DISCIPLINE** - *Pr. 13:24; 22:15; 23:13; 29:15*
  - Proper discipline is an act of love – be careful not to provoke – *Eph 6:4*
  - Father sets the standards but is **NOT** the sole enforcer
  - Mother must be included or it will create division in the home

#### B. The BASIC role of the Mother

1. The Mother is the "**KEEPER**" of the home - *Titus 2:5; 1 Ti. 5:14* (outside home?)
  - Father **MUST** submit to the mother's instructions concerning the keeping of the home – *Eph 5:21* (obviously he can offer ideas/input, etc.)
2. The Mother is to be a **VIRTUOUS** woman - *Proverbs 31:10-31*
  - Every wife/mother must study and know the qualities of this woman!
  - Ruth – only woman directly referred to as "virtuous" – the church
  - She is extremely **VALUABLE**; She is **TRUSTED**; She does that which is **GOOD**;
  - She is a hard **WORKER**; She is a good **COOK**; She is a wise **SHOPPER**;
  - She takes care of **EVERYONE** in the family; She is **HOSPITABLE**;
  - She plans **AHEAD**; She saves **MONEY**;
  - She is both **PHYSICALLY** and **MENTALLY** strong;
  - She conducts the business of her home **PROFITABLY**; She is **CARING**;
  - She is **CLEAN**; She **DRESSES** herself and her family good;
  - She fulfills her responsibilities as a **WIFE**; She loves God and knows the **BIBLE**;
  - She **TEACHES** others; She is **BELOVED**;
  - She knows when to **SPEAK** and when to be quiet.

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### C. The BASIC role of Children

1. A Child is to **OBEY** - *Ephesians 6:1-4; Col. 3:20*
  - That about sums it all up!
2. Children learn to obey God by first learning to obey their **PARENTS**.
  - Children are object lessons for parents – “the mirror”
  - We can go beyond Eph 6:1-4 and Col 3:20 when we understand that God is our **FATHER** and we are His children – the entire Bible becomes our teacher...