

THE HUSBAND'S LEADERSHIP

Genesis NKJV 1: ²⁷ So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. ²⁸ Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis NKJV 2: ¹⁵ Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

1. Love Your Wife

Ephesians NKJV 5: ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

- **This is not a request, it is a commandment, act of your will that requires action,**

Psalms NKJV 18:1 I will love You, O Lord, my strength.

2. Receive Input

1 Peter NKJV 3: ⁷ Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

3. Make Decisions

Ephesians NKJV 3: ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

4. Avoid Bitterness

Colossians NKJV 3: ⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.

5. Nourish and Cherish

Ephesians NKJV 5: ²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

6. Give Praise

Proverbs NKJ 31: ²⁸ Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband *also*, and he praises her: ²⁹ "Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all."