

The Primary Spiritual Leader

THE POINT: Men will discuss the biblical evidence that God assigns men the role of primary spiritual leaders.

WARM UP: Impact of parents' church attendance on their children (from study by [Rev. Robbie Low](#), vicar of St Peter's, Bushey, Hertfordshire, England).

- ◆ Father does not attend church but Mother attends regularly: 2% of children become regular in church; 37% of children with sporadic attendance; 60% of children are lost.
- ◆ Father is irregular but Mother is regular: children 3% regular; 59% irregular; 38% lost
- ◆ Father is regular but Mother is irregular or does not attend: children 38% regular; 44% irregular; 25% lost
- ◆ Both Father & Mother regular in church: children 33% regular; 41% irregular; 25% lost
- ◆ **Rev. Low** concludes, "In short if a father does not go to church, no matter how faithful his wife's devotions, only one child in 50 will become a regular worshipper. If a father does go regularly, regardless of the practice of the mother, between two-thirds and three-quarters of their children will become churchgoers.... A non-practising father (in spite of a faithful mother) will see two-thirds of his children never darken the church door..."

WORKOUT

1. When the Creator made humankind He formed the male first. Read **Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7,21-22**. When the Lord chose Israel's founders He began with patriarchs (males). Read **Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 1:1-7**. When Yahweh selected Israel's priests from the tribe of Levi, He selected males only. Read **Numbers 8:23-26**.

- ◆ What is the message of this pattern by our Creator? _____

2. God appointed Adam, the first male, as the chief trustee of His Word. Read **Genesis 2:16-17**. What is the one thing that qualifies a man to be the key spiritual leader? _____

3. When the Creator entered the human race He came as a male. Read **John 1:1,14; Matthew 1:18-21**. Jesus Christ, the greatest spiritual leader, handpicked 12 apostles to assist Him; they were ALL MALE. Read **Mark 3:13-19**. Every lead pastor or bishop of a local church mentioned in the New Testament was male. read **1 Timothy 3:1-7**.

- ◆ What do the above examples teach us about the man's role as spiritual leader? _____

4. Read **1 Corinthians 11:3** and draw a simple diagram showing God's Flow Of Authority. _____

THE TAKEAWAY: One reason why women are heavily involved in church is that women highly value spiritual authority. By divine design when I, as a man, become a spiritual leader I will attract the respect of decent people in general and of good women in particular. Biblical spiritual leadership is my God-given ticket to becoming a respectable man worth trusting and following. I will become a key spiritual leader by learning and applying the biblical principles of godly manhood.

Pray It Loud (from the Heart): Heavenly Father, Your word takes away my excuses for not becoming a spiritual leader who represents You. Lord Jesus, You are my Savior, my foremost Spiritual Leader; I surrender my heart and my life to You. From Your life and teachings I will learn everything I must know to become a spiritual leader like You. Holy Spirit, teach me the Bible, teach me to pray, teach me to lead myself, my family and others to Christ and His work through the Church for God's Kingdom. Today, I pledge to prepare myself to become the primary spiritual leader that You designed me to be. In Jesus' name. Amen!