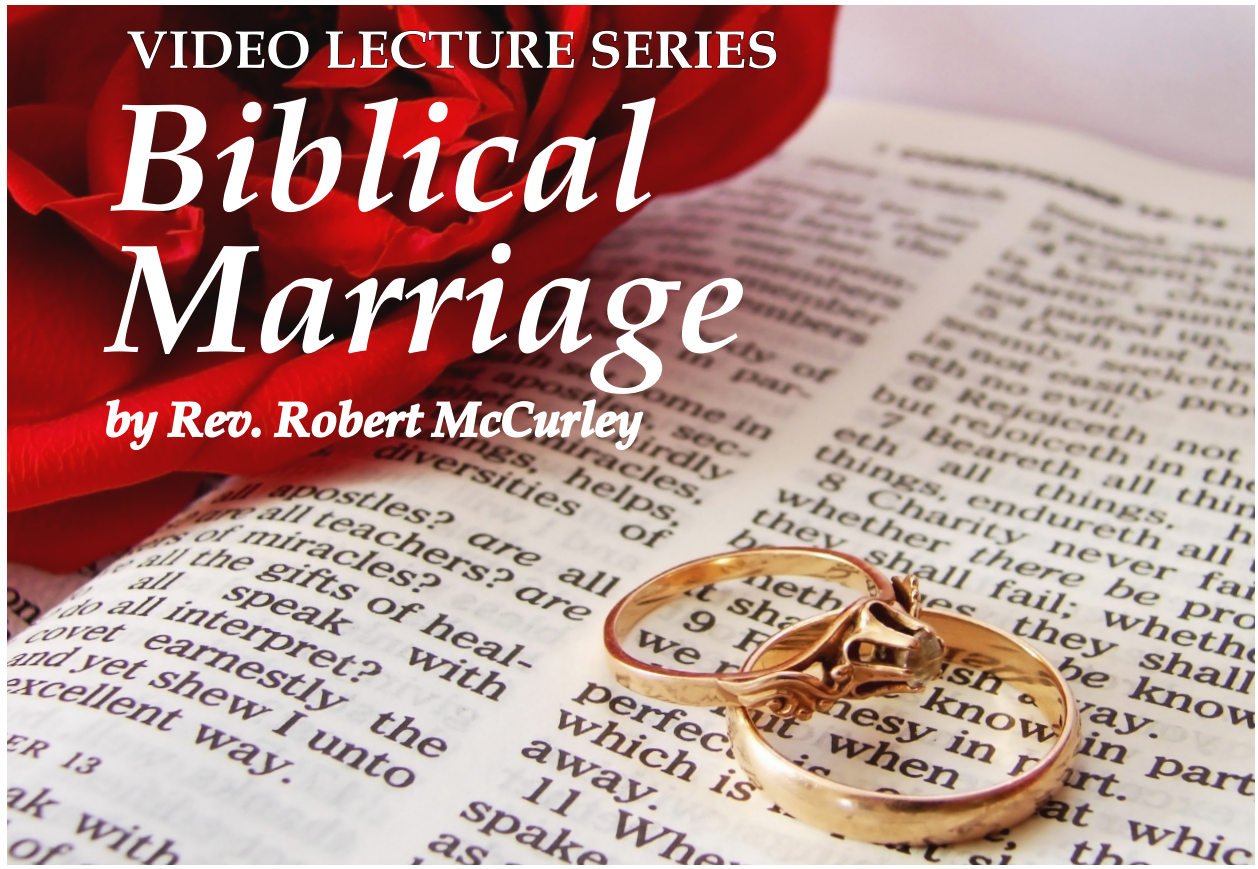


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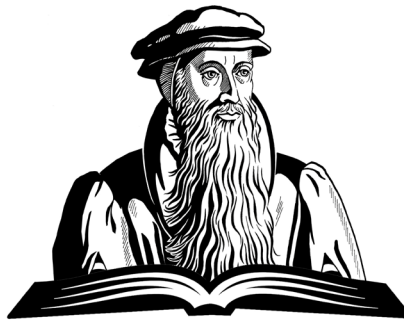
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Introduction: The shepherd and his flock.

I. Leadership

Obstacles to exercising leadership:

A. Fear, insecurity:

Remedies: Courage-

Love—1 John 4, verse 18

Wife's supporting role—Proverbs 31, verses 11, 12

B. Laziness

Busyness versus diligence-

Making excuses—Proverbs 22, verse 13

C. Selfishness and Pride

Contrast with Christ-

D. Discouragement

Losing motivation—Galatians 6, verse 9

II. "Servant-hood"

A. Leadership and servant-hood are found together in Christ's example.

B. Authority is given to protect and serve.

i. civil magistrate—Romans 13

ii elders of the church—1 Peter 5, verse 3; Hebrews 13, verse 17

C. Biblical authority versus authoritarianism

i. Matthew 20, verse 25

ii. Abuse of authority

D. As servant, the husband is steward of his home. With rule comes responsibility.

i. Genesis 3, verse 9

ii Joshua 24, verses 14–15

III. Spiritual Shepherding

A. Shepherding includes:

- teacher and spiritual mentor—1 Corinthians 14
- husband himself is a student in order to teach—2 Timothy 2, verse 15
- husband must know his wife, her spiritual struggles, besetting sins, Christian maturity, etc.
- called to be proactive-
- washing with the water of the Word—Ephesians 5, verse 26
- protecting her: Physically
 Spiritually
 Emotionally
 Practically

B. Shepherding one's family at home is a prerequisite of shepherding the Lord's people at church—1 Timothy 3, verse 5

C. Shepherding involves family worship—Deuteronomy 6, verse 6

D. Commitment to family worship

a. practical tips:

b. elements of family worship:

- i. Bible reading, singing, prayer, commentary or discussion, religious instruction.
- ii. Helpful advice:

E. Husband/father constantly teaches by his example—Deuteronomy 6, verse 7

F. Christian education is non-optional for a Christian home—Colossians 2, verse 8

Conclusion: the example of Christ and his wife, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Review Questions

1. How do we see the roles of leader and servant come together in Christ? How is Christ both the Great Shepherd and the Lamb?

2. How can "laziness masquerade in busyness"? Can you think of some examples? What will be the effect on the husband's leadership in his home?

3. How can a husband best learn to be a teacher in his family? How might this apply to yourself?

4. Why must a husband diligently seek to know his wife?

5. How can you lead family worship in your home suitable to your family situation?
