

Many godly women hold the titles: Wife or Mother or both Wife and Mother. And yet, under these short headings are dozens of roles she fills every single day. She is...

Nurse when they are sick.

Doctor when they are hurting.

Psychiatrist when they need someone to talk to.

Cook when they are hungry.

Waitress while they are eating.

Dish washer when they are finished.

Maid when the clothes are dirty.

Concierge when they need a towel.

Stylist when it is time to leave the house.

And perhaps above all else:

Treasure Hunter when we can't find the TV remote.

She seamlessly maneuvers from one to the other, often times doing multiple things simultaneously. And most of us acknowledge it is her ability to take on all these roles that keeps the family alive from one day to the next. She is life to us.

But the godly woman gets it. She gets that the Bible, in just a couple of simple passages, lays out her purpose in the home, and she will adapt and include any and all rolls that helps her fulfill that purpose. (**Titus 2:3-5; Ephesians 5:22-24, 33**). All that she does; all she is willing to do; all of the hats she wears, she does to the glory of God and the fulfillment of these simple, family saving, commands.

Sadly, many men, husbands and fathers, have understood that God expects him to do the same. In many, and even mine in times past, the man of the home believes that God's will for him means he will need to fully immerse himself in two roles. First, PROVIDER. He is proud of this. He goes to work, puts in the hours, brings home the bacon. Second, once he gets home, he quickly slides into his second and final role: RULER. Come home to be served and obeyed and make final decisions.

I once watched a video about women's brains and men's brains, and how much more she can tie together and seamlessly interweave because of emotions. Men have boxes. Not many of them, and they don't touch. We are one thing and then another – and usually can't see the whole picture.

Gentlemen, we have much to learn from Godly women. You see, in the same way, I cannot show you Bible passages laying out all of the different roles you will need to fluidly navigate and fulfill to bring your family closer to God. But also in the same way, just a few verses introduce us to many things we can do to be a better man for those we love.

**Ephesians 5:25-30; 6:4** –The principles involved here are not difficult to list:

Love her selflessly. Love her sacrificially. Love her for her benefit. Love her at least as much as self.

Love your kids. Love them by loving the Truth. Love them consistently and for their benefit.

But can I ask, are you ready to see what rolls that demands of you? Sure, your title is husband and father. And yes, a major part of your life is PROVIDER. And sure, everybody gets to be a TODDLER at times. But do you really want to see what it means in practicality to love like Christ loves the church?

Stu Weber Quote:

*"Four undergirding life rhythms throb in the veins of every male child. They pipe a four-part cadence to which every man must march if he chooses to be a complete man. Always intermingled, never exclusive, they provide the primary colors of the masculine rainbow from which all others draw their hue. Blending perfectly with one another, they reflect the light of the One in whose image they are made."*

*"To the degree they are balanced, the image is clear and the man and those around him flourish. To the degree they are abused and abased, the image is distorted, the man withers, and those around him experience pain."*

*"I like to call these qualities the four unshakable pillars of masculinity. These pillars are visible in both the sacred Scripture of God and the secular history of man. But whether one studies the Creator or His creature, the truth is one. The Bible is filled with references, both explicit and implicit, to all four pillars. All four are both divine and human. In man, they are sometimes imbalanced and abusive. In Christ, they majestically merge in the ultimate Man."*

*"Spring. Summer. Fall. Winter. Four seasons in the year."*

*"Earth. Wind. Fire. Water. Four elements on the planet."*

*"KING. WARRIOR. MENTOR. FRIEND. Four rhythms in a man."*

God tells men to love their wives as Christ loves the church. Firstly, gentlemen, please consider that even this very night, your life has joy, hope, and promise, because Christ is all of these things for you.

Christ as King – **Ephesians 1:20-23** – He has authority. He directs the body, His church. We are His body. We are His fullness & He provides for us, taking responsibility for our wellbeing. **Eph. 5:23-24**  
**Revelation 17:14** – And He protects us. To belong to Him is to be secure, to feel special, to be safe.

Christ as Warrior – **Revelation 19:11-16** – He is a Warrior King. He "judges and wages war." He does this to protect His own. He drives away the enemy. He defeats the adversary and strips him of power.  
**I John 5:18-19** – This did not come with ease. Jesus holds him away and keeps him from us.

Christ as Mentor – **Matthew 5:3-6** – Our Warrior King is also a Tender Teacher. Instilling soft hearts to make firm lives of faith. **Matthew 28:18-20** – Through the men who wrote the New Testament, He is still here to answer every question and always show us the right way to go. (**John 13:9-17**)

Christ as Friend – **John 15:12-17** – Giving up none of his authority, He proved to be a friend. He believed in them. He made them feel important. He shared things with them freely.  
**Hebrews 2:17-18; 4:14-16** – His friendship carries on through His High Priesthood.

Gentlemen, you are who you are, because of who He is for you. Amen?

Now, take a look at your family. Sneak a glimpse of your wife. Look across and find your child. They will be who they will be, because of who you are for them. Amen?

Your home needs a man who can seamlessly and even simultaneously be a...

- 1) **Christ-Like King** – Leader, director, invested in the family. Provider and protector, to the best of his ability. They can feel safe because he is ever working and watching over them. He makes sacrifices. He labors long. He makes the selfless move --- because *he is responsible for them*.  
(I Timothy 3:4-5, 12).
- 2) **Christ-Like Warrior** – Not fighting within but fighting any influence, any effort, any movement or idea that puts his family in spiritual danger. He is alert and active. This man is fighting the influences of *entertainment, immodesty, immorality*. He makes hard decisions to win this war!  
(Ephesians 6:10-13; 5:27; 6:4)
- 3) **Christ-Like Mentor** - A hands on life teacher. A man who sits down with his wife and kids and listens to them express their struggles. He talks to them. He communicates wisdom to help them stay close to God. He is ever ready to open the Word to show them the Light.  
(Ephesians 5:29; 6:4)
- 4) **Christ-Like Friend** – A godly man learns to be both Leader and Friend. He communicates. He consoles. He makes them feel amazing about who they are. And he encourages them to be better. He does this by being open and honest and creating an incredible sense of trust.

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