

The Principled Patriarch – Introduction & Press Release

Patriarchs are light unto a dark world. Their lives are to be living examples of traditional Biblical values that teach others to glorify God the Father. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden, nor can a leader who functions in his God given abilities. He is a light to all citizens who need to find their way.

The world around us is lost and is in need of true dynamic leaders to show them the way. Patriarchs train patriarchs. This training starts on the home front. The whole goal and purpose of leading the home is for the community – training the next generation to be “lights unto the world”. People are designed by God to follow – each seeking to find a leader to believe in and follow. If the Biblical patriarch had the mentality of “being fruitful and multiplying the earth,” we would change a dark world within several generations. But, since the average male has the mind-set of “taking care of themselves,” we fall short of God’s purpose of Biblical manhood.

Our role as men should spill over into the communities that we serve. All of the ways and actions we appropriate within our homes should be the very manner we manage within the community and work world.

If a man desires a position of leadership within the church, community or nation, he desires a good thing. A man, who lives with his wife in an understanding way, has his children under control and manages his household with a servant style leadership, is well prepared and qualified to lead in society. The home is the starting place and training ground for public leadership. Many of men today have this backwards – accepting leadership positions outside the home before their homes are a Biblical model of proof of their ability to lead.

Paul tells us in **1 Timothy 2:12-14** that women are not to be teaching or having authority over men. Why? Adam was formed first, then Eve. Those who are created first are given the command to lead, those who were given the mandate to follow in church, community and home. Therefore, if a woman desires a leadership position, it must be under the headship of her husband, if not married, her father. The point being, what works for the leadership of the home is the same standard of leadership God uses in society.

A man cannot be trusted as a qualified leader (light unto the world) in the community unless he has proven his leadership within the home. The family is like a training institution for the man’s leadership. When he has passed the test of having his household in order, he will be a prime example of being a light unto the world. When a man attempts to lead in the community without having his family in order, he is sure to have a “train wreck.”

The wisdom of this kind of direction and counsel has rarely been questioned until equalitarianism became the norm for family, church and then community. Once a Godly patriarch disregards the societal

pressures of Christian feminism, they will be able to embrace the Truth of God's order of male leadership.

Men, who hide behind the "light of woman," or the spiritual leadership of women, resist the light of God's ordained order. This results in the confusion and the emasculation of men. Men, who function as true lights of the world, live and operate by the life and light of God the Father. God will only shine His light through His order of creation. He will not bypass His own order in order to please His creation.

In our society today, women open their own doors, defend themselves and demand to be treated equally. Who is to blame for this? It is that of man! The need of a man to practice male manners is more critical today than any other time in history. Because women are so accustomed to caring for themselves, men have habitually taken the backseat to being gentlemen.

One would think that the women of our culture today have learned to demand their rights to be treated fairly due to men not treating them fairly. Well, this is simply not true. Women who function in independence do so because of their observations of men not treating their authority figures with all dignity. Men who do not show courtesy and manners to their authorities are modeling a life-style of disrespect and independence. Men bear the responsibility of showing their followers honor by honoring others. When a man honors his "up-line" first, he will then find it relatively easy to honor his "down-line." How can we expect women to honor us if we ourselves do not honor our authorities?

Honor looks like respect, courtesy and manners. When a man honors authority, he will offer his services through allowing leaders to go first, helping them carry their load, serving them and doing what they can to make their job easier. This is what most men expect from their women. If the patriarch is not doing like-minded service for their leaders—how can they expect their women to do differently? God may require women to service their disobedient male leaders but if certainly is not the ideal way. Respect, courtesy and submission require modeling such a role. Leaders, who expect honor without personally practicing honor, border on abuse of authority. Christ Himself didn't even demand such honor. He modeled it first and then requested honor and respect from His body.

Men need to show their respect for authority by demonstrating honor/manners to the woman that is called to serve them. This is accomplished through opening car doors, serving her needs first, or simply treating her as a "weaker vessel." When a man shows common courtesy to a woman, he is demonstrating how Christ honors the Church.

Being a gentleman is the most perfect way of honoring God. When a man is respecting the guidelines of society, church and God, he is revealing the order of God. A man, who is interested in honoring God, is recognizing the ordained roles God has assigned to His earthly structure. Men should care for all women in the same way they are commanded to care for their wives. Women should respect all men in the same way they are mandated to respect their husbands. This certainly does not mean that men or women should act out their marital roles with individuals outside their home. It does mean they should show the same kind of honor and respect to all. Although, it should be noted that women should maintain God's "chain of command" even within society. In like manner, a man should treat all women

with the same dignity they tend to show their wives. A word of caution to men, do not allow your willingness to be a gentleman breed a familiarity of passion or attachment (intimacy) that belongs to his wife, if not married, to Christ Himself.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS STUDY

Due to the need for men to understand the basic functions of Biblical manhood, this study has been written to give each patriarch the outline needed to fulfill it. Men need to get back to the traditional principles of patriarchy. Our women, children, communities and nation need a few good men – husbands, fathers, leaders who are willing to lead according to the divine Word of Truth.

We are in the middle of a cultural battle that wages war against the male and female genders – boys being emasculated and girls being masculated. Whatever happen to the patriarchs of our day? Why are women asserting more male dominance than our males? Why do men default to women in leading their families, homes and communities? These are just a few of the questions that get answered in **The Principled Patriarch** study.

This study is not for “interested onlookers!” This study is for the serious at heart – men who seek to find God’s solutions to man’s historical problems. This study is designed for small groups or individual private studies. **The Principled Patriarch** is guaranteed to challenge and refresh the souls of all men of intent.

FOR THE SMALL GROUP LEADER

The best way to use this study in a small group setting is to consider the following:

1. Have each attendee complete a minimum of 3 lessons per week.
2. Before coming together, pick two questions from each lesson for group discussion.
3. Open each meeting with prayer.
4. Review the lessons from the week before.
5. Ask the group for personal testimonies regarding actions taken from previous lessons.
6. As a group leader, read the introduction paragraphs of each lesson before asking the group to share the answers of the questions you have chosen for group discussion. Continue this method with all three lessons the group attendees were required to study.
7. Ask for personal prayer request from each attendee – then, as a group, pray for all stated requests.

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