

TOTAL MARRIAGE FITNESS

Training the Hands (Men)

Genesis 2:15

A true masculinity is grounded in a man's determination to fulfill his manhood in being a good husband, father, citizen, worker, leader and friend – one who makes a difference, fulfills a role for others, and devotes his life to these tasks. Most of our fathers went to work early and toiled all day because they knew it was their duty to put bread on the table, a roof over our heads, and a future in front of us. They made their way to ball games and school events dead tired, went home and took care of things, and then got up and did it all over again the next day.

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"The End of Men" -

What are men made to do?

Genesis 1:26-28 – representative _____ -

Genesis 2:15 -

- "to _____ it" – Men are _____.

abad = cultivate, serve, worship

- "to _____ it" – Men are _____.

shamar = root - "to pay careful attention to"

to be _____

(watch, _____, protect)

Implies...

1. Stewardship – Men and women are _____ to _____ the earth for God (NT-"make disciples of all nations" Matthew 18-20)
2. _____ – Men and women are to live, work and _____ together in _____.
(NT-"heirs with you of the grace of life" 1 Peter 3:7)
3. _____ – The husband is _____ for leading his family in love (NT-"for the husband is the head ... love your wives" Ephesians 5:22-25)

Top Ten Headship Lies

1. Men are _____ leaders (They can lead without _____.)
2. The husband should make all of the _____.
3. The husband is not _____ to anyone except God.
4. The husband should keep everyone in the home happy.
5. The husband must keep the _____.
6. Wives should never _____ their _____.
7. Husbands are responsible only for providing money.
8. A wife will always _____ a godly husband.
9. Headship justifies yelling, controlling, manipulating ...
10. A husband is a weak leader if he _____.

The Hands of a Servant Leader

- Psalm 8:3-9 -
- Proverbs 12:24 -
- Ecclesiastes 9:9-10 -
- Ephesians 4:28 -
- Colossians 2:11-13 -
- 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 -
- 1 Timothy 2:8 -
- James 4:6-10 -

When my _____ demonstrates his servant leadership by _____, I am _____, and God is glorified!