

*No man enters the covenant of marriage with the intent to fail.
The question is: how can the married man ensure he becomes a...*



The head of the home has tremendous responsibilities.

Remember: God established marriage to be a “Passion Play” (Lesson #1), a dramatization to our children and to the world of Christ’s sacrificial and saving relationship with His bride, the church (cf. Ephesians 5:22-33).

How does the husband successfully serve in a role that is to mirror what Christ does for the church?

To learn what it means to be a victorious husband,
let's study **where Adam failed** and **where Christ succeeded**.

I. ADAM'S FAILURE

A. Does anything in **Romans 5:12** perplex you? _____

B. Why does God call out to Adam? (**Genesis 3:22-24**) _____

C. Man was created **F** as the **H**.
1. **Ephesians 5:22-33** challenges a prevalent cultural view. _____

2. The Eastern and Semitic mindset in which **Genesis** and **Ephesians** are written did not view the individual as the basic unit of society. Rather, it was **F**.
3. Consider this physical analogy. (**Ephesians 5:28-31**)

D. This is why Adam is held responsible. (**Genesis 3**)

E. Remember Adam's job and conditions. (**Genesis 2:15-17**)

1. Adam was to relay this. What did this make Adam to his family? _____
2. Review **Ezekiel 28:12-19**. What was Adam in the Garden? _____
3. Notice **Hosea 4:4-9**. What was the job of the priests? (note **Hosea 6:7-9**)

4. Bottom line: Adam was responsible. _____

F. But Adam failed. How? (**Genesis 3:1-6; 2:9**) _____

G. Adam failed because he **W** **I** **R**. _____

II. CHRIST'S VICTORY

- A. Ephesians 5:22-33 _____
- B. How did the Lord step up? _____
- C. Christ stomped the head of the serpent by His own death and resurrection. _____
- D. Though sinless, He took responsibility for the sins of His church. _____
- E. Adam failed. Jesus succeeded. _____

III. THE VICTORIOUS HUSBAND

- A. What is the godly husband's victory? Husbands, "**S** _____ -**U** ..."
 - 1. ...and **L** _____ to God: (Genesis 3:17)
 - a) The husband lets no word supersede God's instruction.
 - b) God established an order in creation that is reflected in the spiritual leadership of the home.
 - c) The family's priest upholds, conveys, enacts, and enforces God's Word.
 - 2. ...and **T** _____: (Ephesians 5:26)
 - a) The man has this responsibility to the entire family. (Ephesians 6:4)
 - 3. ...and **P** _____: (Ephesians 5:29)
 - a) Too many men do not, or even become a tool of the enemy.
 - b) Too often men ignore marriage troubles that wives announce.
 - 4. ...and **S** _____: (Philippians 2:5-8)
 - 5. ...and **T** _____ **R** _____: (Joshua 24:15)
 - a) Perhaps Adam's greatest shame was choosing to blame.
 - b) Being responsible doesn't mean assuming control.
 - c) We are accountable because we are responsible.
 - 6. ...**F** _____: (I John 4:19; Romans 5:6-8)
 - a) The key point from Philippians 2:3-4: be the first to put the other first.
 - b) Husbands, that command's heavier weight is yours to lift.

Conclusion: The victorious husband chooses not to be like Adam in the marriage, but like Christ!