

*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 _____ T _____ 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. _____
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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_____ : ([1 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. _____
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Conclusion: **The victorious husband chooses not to be like Adam in the marriage, but like Christ!**