

**What He Must Be  
...if he wants to marry my daughter  
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**Session 4: The 4 P's  
(Priest, Prophet, Provider, & Protector)**

**So What Should We BE Preparing Our Sons For?**

*Every governor of a family ought to look upon himself as obliged to act in three capacities, as a prophet, to instruct; as a priest, to pray for and with; as a king, to govern, direct, and provide for them.*

**George Whitfield**

**The Four P's**

**Priest  
Prophet  
Provider  
Protector**

**The Husband as Priest**

1. The Priest represents his people before God.
2. *Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.* 1 Peter 3:7
3. Fatherly/ Pastoral Counseling

In our radically equalitarian culture and a church that follows in hot pursuit, David and Eowyn, as the coach would say: “Keep your positions.” You are not according to Ephesians, interchangeable.

David be a faithful self-sacrificing priest, not a macho male for your wife. See it as your great calling to nourish her and sanctify her with the Word of God so that more and more she will come to resemble her Savior, Christ.

**The Husband as Prophet**

1. The Prophet represents God before his people
2. *Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.* Ephesians 5: 25-27.
3. *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this right. Honor your father and mother – which is the first commandment with a promise—“that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.* Ephesians 6: 1-4

### **The Husband as Provider**

1. The Provider makes sure his people have what they need.
2. *If anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for his immediate family, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.* 1 Timothy 5:8
3. 1 Timothy 5: 11-14.
4. **A. He must have a Job.**  
**B. He must have work ethic.**
5. *And in fact, you to do so more and more. Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.* 1 Thessalonians 4: 10-12.
6. *Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest, How long will you lie there, you sluggard? When will you get up from your sleep? A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest—and poverty will come on you like a bandit and scarcity like an armed man.* Proverbs 6: 6-11.
7. *Slaves obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.* Colossians 3: 22-24.

### **The Husband as Protector**

1. The husband places himself between his people and those who would do them harm.
2. He must be a man of personal strength.
3. He must be a man of wisdom and not a fool.
4. He must be a man of courage.