Leadership starts at home

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We were created to lead with authority Gen 1:24-26/ 2:15-18

Waw, whenever I read this scripture, it amazes me, but at the same time it kind of frightens me to know the responsibility and purpose of my creation, specially, the fact of being a man.

In these 2 passages God made sure that it was recorded that man, the male, was the first human to be created, and that he was responsible to take over and rule over creation, but that he needed a partner a helper to do it, that he couldn't doit alone!

And it's incredible that God out of all things chose to create man in His likeness, and image, and to know that there is no other creation out there, no UFO's etc but us, **man you are special to Him.**

And to understand this a little bit better, let's look at the word "Likeness "so we can understand the intention of God for man's creation.

Likeness:

the fact or quality of being alike; resemblance:

"her likeness to him was astonishing" · "a family likeness can be seen in all the boys"

resemblance, similarity

Alikeness, sameness, similitude

- the semblance, guise, or outward appearance of:
- "humans are described as being made in God's likeness"
- <u>semblance, guise, appearance, form</u>
- a portrait or representation:
- "the only known likeness of Dorothy as a young woman"

Waw, God really created us with verry high expectations, in other words we are supposed to be His resemblance, His outward appearance, His representation to the whole creation!

What does this mean?

Well to know our purpose, we need to know who the one that created us is, so lets take a look at the 4 main attributes of God.

• Omnipotent (Rev 9:16, Ephe 1:19)

Meaning that He's all powerful and has all authority.

• Omniscient (Psalms 147:5)

Meaning that He's an intelligent being, and that he knows everything

• Omnipresent (Jeremiah 23:24)

Meaning that He is a person, and that He can be everywhere, any time

• Omnibenevolent (Psalms 100:5)

Meaning that He is a good and loving God that His goodness endures forever, it also means eternal perfection.

And that is exactly how God created man be, except for the word Omni (all), that is only reserved for him.

But we are supposed to resemble all these characteristics, we were created as physical and present human beings, to rule as leaders, with authority and intelligence, and most important of all, in Love!

But because of the passiveness of Adam, Satan destroyed what the purpose of God was for man, by disobeying, and introducing sin to humanity.

Oh, but man lost the battle against Satan, but the Omnipotent one Jesus Christ, the new Adam won in it for us!! **Romans 5:12-15**

And you know what? trough out Jesus we can fulfill the purpose of our creation.

Yes, outside of Christ we are separated from God, and we cannot resemble His likeness, we cannot be the leaders he created us to be, but in Christ, if we really believe and give our life to Jesus, we can!

Our leadership begins at home Gen 2: 19-25

Now I want to ask a few questions, was there a great nation for Adam to rule over, lead or govern at the beginning? or did the church exist at the time? or was he the first president of the republic of Eden?

The answer is a big No!!

You know what God created for man to practice all these attributes? the family!!

Gen 2:19-25

For man ta practice and resemble God's likeness, He had to create an in virement where Adam could do it, and you know what He came up whit in his holy wisdom? The Family!

There was nothing else but Adam and his wife, and this is a great lesson for us, that leadership begins in no other place than your house, your family.

In your family, if you want it or not, you're going to be the nursery leader, kids' ministry leader, youth leader, pastor, the whole church combo!!

Too often we want to be leaders outside of our homes, at our jobs, organizations, in church, and there's nothing wrong with it, but our families are crashing and falling apart into pieces.

The first organization that God gave man to resemble his image to, was no other than the family, it's where everything starts.

Did you know that every other organization on earth is made out of families?

To have a country, a nation, we need families, how can a nation reproduce him selve without families.

The church also consists out of families, that's why it was Satan's target since the beginning, because everything starts with the family.

So, with knowing this comes great responsibility, and that's why I'm going to start with this first question.

How can you govern your family if your not present??

It's verry easy for man to put things before his family, for example his job, and I'm not saying you shouldn't work, Adam had a lot of work didn't he, we have to work, but if your job is taking away from your family, you have to start asking your selves if it's Gods will for you to have that job.

Sometimes it can even be church did you know that??

Do you know how many leaders in church are doing too much in church, and are leaving their families behind??

Guess why your children or teens hate God, guess why they don't want to come to church anymore, maybe they won't tell you, but it's because many times they think that God took there parents away.

Man, you can lose your family over a job, or ministry, and then after giving everything to a company, or a ministry, maybe the company shuts down, or the ministry doesn't go the way you planned it, and now you neighter have a family nor a job, or ministry.

Sometimes God has hard ways to teach us lessons.

How can you govern your family without knowledge??

There is no organization that needs more knowledge and wisdom, in order to be handled, than the family.

Or, when you get married, or have kids, it all comes with a manual right??

NO, that's why we must have a relationship with God first and must be growing and maturing in the word of the Lord, the only manual that exist for family, because He is the one who created it.

Normally when you buy something, especially if it must be assembled, the company that made it puts a manual with whatever it is you bought, why?

So, you don't have to be wondering on how it must be done, and so that it can be done the right way, **without leaving behind extra peace's right.**

That's why there is a lot of divorce going on! It's because we are not using our intelligence to grow in the knowledge of the word of God which makes us the wise leaders to our families when put in practice.

If we skip Gods manual, we are missing, and leaving out important pieces that are crucial to finish the assemble.

How can we practice loving leadership if we don't know how to love?

<u>1 Peter 3: 1-7</u>

Did you read how Sarah called Abraham??

He called him master, in other translations Lord!! In other words, my owner, my governor, my leading example!!

What kind of authority do you resemble at home, a harsh one, or a respecting and loving one?

You know when you come home and you're tired of the long working day, and your kids really need the attention, or maybe they start a fight to push the last nerve button??

How are you reacting?

Or do you know when you're ready to sleep, and that is where your wife starts to speak about her day and bla bla, how do you react to your weaker partner??(weaker explain)

Who is the one responsible to pastor the hearts of your family with love, the youth leader, the church pastor?

But what kind of love does God want from us?

Cor 13: 1-8

You can be the best leader at your job, at the church, or were ever you want, and be the worst one at home, where it matters the most. **Ephesians 5:25-33**

Man, are you going to start loving your home by being present?

Man, are you going to start loving your home by maturing, and seeking the wisdom of God?

Man, are you going to start governing your home in love, just like Christ is doing with the church?