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- When a man lacks confidence in his ability to be a provider, protector, and priest, his home is in danger. Mark 3:27 No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house.
- In order for his wife and his children to feel secure, they must be covered in all of these areas. If not, then the enemy will probe the home for entryways. 1Pet.
  5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:
- A good father does whatever it takes to keep his goods at peace. His home is his crown and represents his leadership, so he must make his family his first priority! Luke 11:21 When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace:

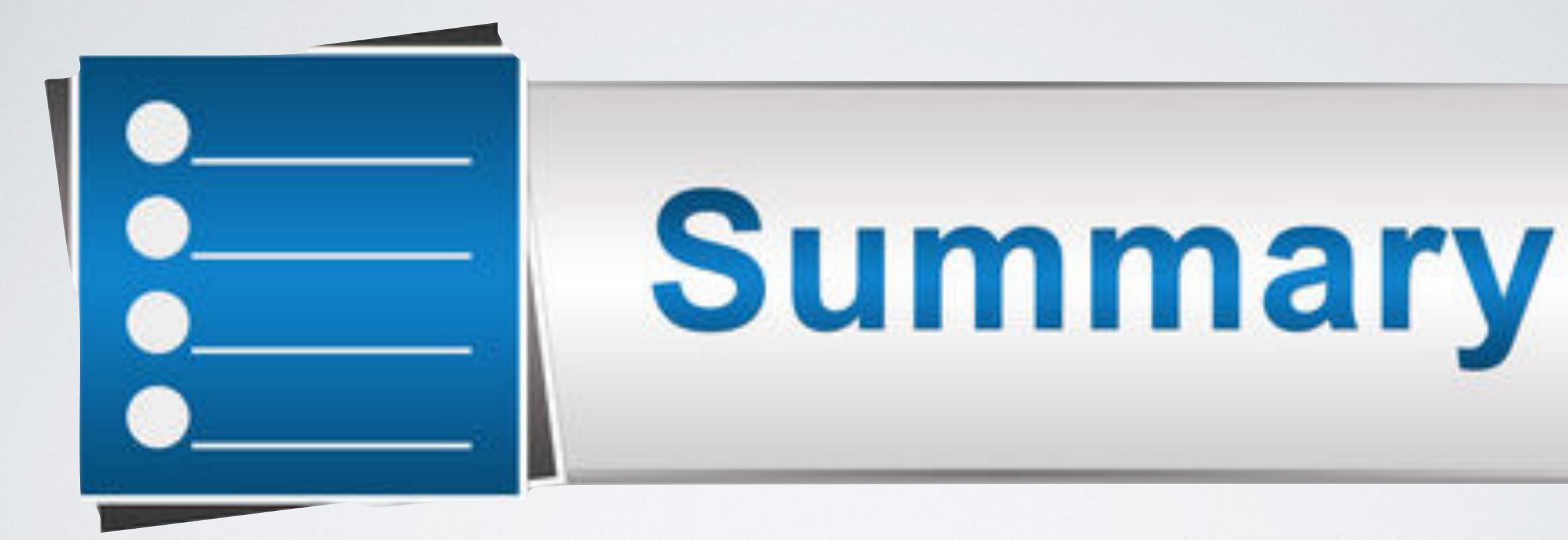




- When the order of the home is reversed, sin will always infiltrate. 1Cor. 11:10 For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.
- Adultery, dishonesty, and inconsistency will plague the home where the man relinquishes his leadership to his wife. His lack of commitment to guard his home will allow sinful spirits to prevail. *Gen. 3:7 And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons.*
- A man that does not spiritually lead his home produces discontentment in the family and causes them to strive for contentment outside of the home. Gen. 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

- Spiritually leading the home means that a man follows God's plan and not the world's agenda. He makes sure that his family is spiritually equipped. *Psa. 37:23 The steps of a GOOD MAN ARE ORDERED BY THE LORD:*and he delighteth in his way.
- A good father plants his family in a good fellowship where they can grow with like-minded believers and be strengthened by the progress of others. *Heb. 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*
- God desires for us to financially and physically commit to a fellowship. When we do what He desires, He will bless us because of our willingness to please Him. Heb. 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him





The home is the first institution that God established. God's desire is that we focus on our families and make sure we keep a Godly lineage through our children. A good father does not seek to make a reputation for himself outside of his home, but his desire is that his home represents him. Just as God duplicated Himself by creating men in His image and likeness, a man will always duplicate himself through his family. We should desire to see ourselves in our family and have our homes reflect the change that God has made in us. This progression comes from us following God's order! When we provide for our families, they learn how God is a provider. When we protect our families, they learn God's protection. Lastly, when we spiritually lead our families, they learn God's Word, and they gain support from like-minded believers in the fellowship. This is God's plan for every home. He wants the home to teach the family who He is and what He desires. The home is the illustration of God's provision, protection, and precepts. A good father makes sure his home reflects God's original design.

1 Cor. 11:1 Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1Cor. 11:2 Now I praise you, brethren, that ye remember me in all things, and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you.

1 Cor. 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.