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This handbook is a good quick reference for the man on the go!

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I would like to dedicate the writing of this book to my mother, Mrs. Bertha Staten, who has demonstrated the strength of a strong woman; her philosophy is “always tell the truth, be honest, and love God.”

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## INTRODUCTION

**T**he purpose of this handbook is to help men understand their role in the home, both spiritually and physically.

Man's first duty and obligation is to God. Secondly, it is to his wife; not his children, job, mom, dad, sister, brother, friend, etc.! You see, the relationship between the husband and wife will be the greatest influence on the children. The home is the training ground and Mom and Dad have the control. You can train your children to be honest or dishonest, loving, or hateful by what you demonstrate to them in the home.

PROVERBS 20: 6–7 *“Most men will proclaim every one his own goodness: but a faithful man who can find? <sup>7</sup>The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him.”*

This scripture confirms why husband and wife must be in harmony with each other, in order to properly mold and shape their children. Children do what they see more than what they are told.

A powerful quote spoken by Coach Wooten, former Coach of UCLA, states, “No printed word or oral plan or all the books on all the shelves can teach our youth what they should be. It’s what the teachers are themselves.”

Men, God has given you the authority. This book will help you understand the power of agreement between you and your wife so that you can be Godly parents and a role model of God's design for the family.

I pray that your heart and mind be open and that you allow the Holy Spirit to minister God's truth to you. When the husband and wife's relationship is in obedience to God's Word, everyone benefits—your family, church, city, state, and the world.





# I

## IN THE BEGINNING

**I**n the beginning, Satan had a plan to destroy what God had blessed and joined: man and wife, in the institution of marriage. In the garden, he purposed to devalue woman in man's sight, and cause him to question and doubt God's love for him. This plan was set in motion when the serpent came to Eve.

Satan attacks first in the area where he can have the biggest impact: the authority figure, the leader, the man in charge. Yes, he went to Eve for she was the vehicle he would use to influence Adam to disobey God's word and then blame God and Eve for his decision.

What was Eve's motive? Why did she listen to the serpent? What was she thinking? Eve knew the serpent was God's creation and what he said to her sounded good and made sense. It soon became obvious that she was not sure about the commandment concerning the forbidden fruit. She told the serpent she could not eat from the tree in the midst of the garden. God had given Adam the commandment not to eat from the tree of The Knowledge of Good and Evil before Eve came on the scene. Evidently, Adam did not make this clear to Eve.

The Bible clearly states that Eve was deceived, and no one can deceive you about something that you really know in your heart to be true. It is when you are not sure that you can be deceived. That is why the Lord commands us to read His Word and hide it in our hearts that we may not sin against Him and we may be able to discern the truth.

Satan uses the lack of knowledge of God's Word to bring destruction. I believe Eve felt the information she was receiving from the serpent could help her husband. She thought she was operating in her purpose, which was to be a helpmate for Adam. God is perfect! When God creates or makes something, it functions the way God designs it to until it becomes defiled. Eve had no knowledge of evil at this point, so there is no way she might have been trying to undermine her husband's authority. Eve did not just react; she pondered what the serpent told her. *She looked and saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and to be desired to make one wise, she took the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.* Eve's intentions were to help and honor her husband. If she really believed that by eating the fruit they would die, then she protected her husband by eating it first.

Either way you look at it, you would have to know that she was trying to help her husband. It would be like saying to God, which Adam did, that everything was fine before you gave me this woman. You gave her to me not to help me, but to function as a means to rip my inheritance from me. No! Eve was God's gift to Adam and God always gives good gifts (JAMES 1:17).

When Eve ate first and nothing physically happened, her eyes were not opened and neither were her husband's...she assumed it was safe to give the fruit to him. Adam was to protect his wife and make sure she understood God's instructions to them. Adam made a conscious decision to eat the fruit instead of obeying the commandment of the Lord. God would not have allowed Eve to eat without her husband being present, because God had given authority over the garden to Adam. God made them one, Adam would have been separated from Eve and alone again if only she had eaten the fruit and died spiritually. It might have seemed like God had made a mistake in giving Eve to Adam because it would not last. Many times we as Christians do the same thing; we go by what we see instead of obeying God's word. That's not faith.

In 1 TIMOTHY 2:14, it states that Eve was deceived, which means to be tricked or misled. God cursed the world for Adam's disobedience and not for Eve having been deceived. DEUTERONOMY 11:26–28 & CHAPTER 28. When God came looking for them in the garden, whose name did he call? Adam's! Yes, God punished Eve for the part she played in the fall of humanity, because there is always a consequence for doing wrong, whether purposely or not. The consequence is a reminder to keep you from making the same mistake again. However, notice God in His goodness and mercy did not take away the joy of motherhood, but added pain as a reminder. Adam was working to cultivate and take care of the garden before he disobeyed, but sweat and labor was added as a reminder of his disobedience.

So how did Satan plan to devalue woman? By causing her husband to disrespect her advice or opinion. Consider what happened when Adam listened to his wife—he lost everything. Satan also planned for man not to fully trust God. Adam had everything, and suddenly, God brings woman on the scene and she causes him to lose it all. In the back of Adam's mind, he blamed God, thus hindering his faith in Him.

Today many men still blame their wife for many of their problems and are reluctant to receive the good counsel that can come from them. Jesus took the shame and the blame so that leaves no place to continue blaming each other. Rather, put your trust in God because He always has our best interest at heart.

I say to you, if you have a wife who loves the Lord, and she is a student of the Word, and faithful in prayer; there is no other person, except for the Holy Spirit, who can give you better counsel than her. She is your covenant partner, your helper, and your gift from God!



## 2

# I AM RESPONSIBLE

**W**hat does it mean to be *responsible*?  
“Obliged or expected to account for or to do, deserving credit or blame; trustworthy, able to tell right from wrong.”

Men, I know this may surprise you, but—you are RESPONSIBLE for your wife and children. God has given you this responsibility as the authority figure in your home. I CORINTHIANS 11:3

Why did the Lord say, “*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh*” GENESIS 2:24. When you are home with your father and mother, you are the child under the authority of your parents. When you marry, both your position and role changes and God has a new set of responsibilities for you as head of your household.

“...and shall cleave unto his wife and they two shall be one flesh.” Cleave means to hold fast or cling to. Most men cannot comprehend their wives as a part of them in this physical world because they came into the relationship as two individuals; however, it is spiritually that the two become one.