

## Camelot Revisited

In the chapter *Camelot Revisited*, Stu Weber talks about the correct exercise of leadership, the Servant-King. When I exercise my authority in the home it is supposed to be done with very explicit intent. It's not bossing, it's serving. It's not demanding, it's caring. It's not strutting, it's stooping. It's not leisure, it's labor. It's not a golden parachute, it's a cross. He says, "Leadership is really the power to evoke the best and right responses from others."

Stu says, "Someone is always in charge... If it isn't apparent just who is in charge - *take* charge. When it comes to your home, *you* are in charge. So take charge. Organize and lead. A very basic part of being male is taking initiative. Considerately, thoughtfully, lovingly, putting the other person's interests above your own - but doing it. Leading and organizing - taking responsibility and initiative." Authority is an internal thing, he says. "It is becoming comfortable with the *principle* of authority, even if the *person* of authority isn't all we might wish them to be." I'm trying to become the type of man that my wife *wants* to follow. I'm committed to growing into the man she wants me to be, and that God intends for me to be.

On pages 78 and 79, there is a quote from Dr. John Piper that is just extraordinary describing mature masculine leadership. I've put into a Word Document just so I can put it up on the wall as a reminder of *who I am*. I've attached it in case you'd find it useful too.

Stu points out that the husband is the head of the home. The word "husband" means to direct or manage. To head something is to exercise leadership and authority over it. The husband is to be meek when he leads his home. Meek means "strength under control" like a 5 year old riding a massive horse but directing it by the reins. The horse allows itself to be led even though it could throw the child at any time. Husbands are to love their wives as Christ loved the church, his bride, and gave himself up for her even to the point of dying on a cross to purchase her for God.

The most important part of this chapter for me was the section on the *Heart of the Matter*. It talks about provision. Stu points out that the word means "vision before hand." He says, "The king in a man looks ahead, anticipates needs, spots potential dangers, defines direction, and charts a wise course. He is an overseer, in the truest sense of the word..."

This is the kingly trait in a man's heart that expresses itself when he takes all the necessary steps to see to it that his wife and children prosper - mentally, emotionally, and spiritually, as well as financially. This is the strength to reassure others. It is the power to calmly turn chaos into order. This is the energy that longs to build peace and security. This is the biblical shepherd-king."