

Introduction

One of the greatest challenges facing our nation today is the absence of husband leadership. There exist several reasons for this absence. For example, some men have not benefited from leadership examples in their homes when they were children. Some husbands are so lazy that they would rather relinquish their leadership and authority to their wives than take their rightful place as the head of the family. Other husbands have wives who manipulate them through tears, denial of sex, or constant verbal harassment. Even the church plays a role in the absence of husband leadership. Some male Pastors refuse to teach the importance of husband leadership because others may label them as a male chauvinist.

While the reasons for the absence of husband leadership are exhaustive, the fact remains that the absence of husband leadership has a devastating impact on the children in the family. A home without husband leadership is also a home without father leadership. Children who have no father in the home become subject to increased poverty levels. Fatherless children are more likely to become involved in drug and alcohol abuse and have an increased risk of mental and physical health challenges. In addition, children without a father in the home are more likely to have educational achievement deficiencies as well as increased levels of potential incarceration. The challenges of fatherless homes are many while the solutions are few.

The absence of husband leadership presents challenges for couples too. Many couples who are having marital challenges opt for marital counseling. The reality is that many men believe that marital counseling is ineffective. Some men believe that counseling is touchy-feely where you lie on a couch and are analyzed. The man might say, "I would rather get my tooth pulled, than talk about my feelings". Many men believe that a marital counseling session result in revisiting their childhood, which now makes the man believe that the counseling session is ineffective and not worth the cost. Many men want to fix things themselves rather than pay someone for help. The *Leading Your Marriage into the Promised Land* is a self-help educational documentary that provides specific leadership skills that husbands can utilize to lead their family into their "Promised Land".