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A stack of US one hundred dollar bills is shown, with the portrait of Benjamin Franklin clearly visible on the top bill. The bills are slightly offset, creating a sense of depth. The text is overlaid on the bills in a white, cursive font.

*There is oil in the house of the wise.*

*Proverbs 21:20*

# A MAN and HIS MONEY

Judith Allwood

One of my clients called to share a scenario about her husband and father of three who is in good health, makes a 'decent' salary, and has a few years left before he retires but has failed to put a plan in place for his later years. Now, we know that, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails." Proverbs 19:21 (New International Version). So while no one knows if he'll live till retirement there are the chances that he might. And we're also told by the same Biblical sage, Solomon that, "The wise man saves for the future, but the foolish man spends whatever he gets." Proverbs 21:20 (Living Bible).

Those are strong words and I – and maybe you too – have seen retired people who did not heed those words and ended up suffering the consequences. Some able-bodied retirees are able to go back out to work but not all are ever that fortunate. Financial Guru, Dave Ramsey says, "Men take more risks and don't save..." I have observed the unnecessary strain on his family when a man is imprudent about his personal finance.

I have also learnt that men and women intrinsically have different perspectives about many things, including money. In other words, the brains of both sexes have been designed to process life in different ways and unfortunately a lot of conflicts arise in relationships because of this divergence. I believe that many marriages can be saved if we ease off a little to learn something new. It doesn't mean that men get off the hook for disregarding Solomon's advice to save for the future, for he also admonishes, "Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom" (Proverbs 4:7 King James Version).

Take the case of Clarissa and Fred. They were in debt and had little income and had both agreed to start setting aside cash and to eliminate their credit cards. Clarissa took on the role to straighten out the finances and dedicated a special shoebox in the closet for her stash. Each month that she saw the credit card debt shrinking she felt exhilarated and together they would celebrate. Then the final bill arrived and Clarissa reached for the letter opener with glee. Next month she would apply all the payments to the next debt in line and in time they would be debt-free.

She hurriedly opened the statement and suddenly felt like a stab in her chest at what

she saw. The card had been maxed out! Thinking the company had made a mistake she brought the statement to her husband's attention. With a look of embarrassment on his face Fred apologized that he was going to tell her about it but had not gotten around to it. She was devastated and felt like her husband of only a few months was tearing down what they both said they were going to build.

The weekend following, Clarissa cashed her paycheck and took out the usual amount that she and her husband had decided to save together. After dinner, she went to the closet to deposit her cash. Reaching up, she took the box from the shelf, humming softly as she rested it on the edge of the dresser. Despite the recent incident with the credit card, Clarissa hadn't the slightest suspicion about what she would discover when she opened the shoebox.

Shrieking, "Fred!" on the top of her voice, Clarissa stumbled backwards and fell to the floor, her entire body shaking. Her gentle sobs quickly blew up into a bellow as Fred appeared at the door to their bedroom.

Once again, the husband she loved with all her heart confessed that he had borrowed the money with the intention of putting it back before she found out. Fred's risk-taking had landed him into trouble and put his marriage in jeopardy.

That's when they sought counseling and was subsequently encouraged to seek financial coaching. Clarissa said she was afraid because she felt unsafe in a marriage in which her financial future constantly felt threatened. She was losing the ability to trust her husband and was deeply concerned about the future of their union and raising children in such an environment. They both would have to learn some things and thankfully they were willing and open to it.

One of the first lessons for them was a tough one – not blaming each other. Neither were they to bad-mouth each other to friends or family. They were to learn that they were partners who had vowed to withstand challenges for the bettering of each other – not the worse, (which is for uncontrollable circumstances such as accidents). Working with a coach created the space for them to look at things objectively and work things out.

One of the errors that we make in our relationships is to expect another person to be a certain way; but the truth is that a person is how he or she is. Of course, one's way of being doesn't always necessarily work, but expecting another to be how you would want them to be is simply unrealistic. Humans are more inclined to resist a behavior or way of being that is deemed unsatisfactory, but resistance does not create the environment for unity. This is not condoning the behavior; it is instead leveling the landscape for communication. In such a space acceptance of facts is possible.

In that realm of no resistance where Clarissa and Fred accepted the fact that men and women think differently they became open to listening to counsel, seeking wisdom and then choosing ways of being that supported a strong and harmonious marital relationship.

It took a lot of courage and they were both able to learn another important lesson – let go of the need to be right. Have you ever heard the saying, “Every story has three sides – his side, her side, and the truth?” The truth always sets us free but we cannot see truth when we are mired in our own rightness. We affirm our positions to enjoy our rights when we classify or condemn our spouses and call them names.

Historic truth holds that most men are risk-takers. Many financial studies support this finding. A 2015 Fortune Magazine article citing a research stated, “Men [are] ... significantly more likely to take more risk than [a computerized portfolio manager] advises for them.” The article also said that “men were nearly six times more likely than women to make [certain investment decisions]”. It doesn’t necessarily mean they are wrong – they are just ‘hard-wired’ that way.

Still, the biblical truth in Romans 12:2 states that he can be transformed by renewing his mind about the consequences of being haphazard about his money and the rewards of making wise financial decisions.



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# The Truth of the Matter

Dr. C. A. Dangerfield

The month of June is a month where we celebrate Fathers Day. I view it as a day that is not celebrated with as much effort as Mothers Day. This is also quite understandable due to circumstances surrounding fathers some which are present and others very absent. Some separation is due to divorce where the children have been used to create control or punishment, truly driving wedges and contentment. Others are where men have created children and failed to be a mature man and take care of their responsibilities towards those children. Others have passed away due to various reasons. There is a stigmatism toward men even before they are able to come into their own. Our society is ever evolving and where are the examples of steadfastness that will provided some stability to today's youth. It's time to stop glossing over the issue as if they font exist young me need examples and role models to pattern after. It's more than street mentality and rapping out a lot of hateful lyrics, bedding every woman and producing offspring and providing no direction. It's a vicious cycle with its participants bitter and resentful; due to the lack of insight which could have eliminated a lot of evils they had to endure. Immaturity breeds a lot of strife and contentment and children wind up in the balance. The structure of how God intended for the household is never realized until someone enters in that possesses the nature to get it done. Otherwise we face the cycle of repeating the same behavior from one generation to next. Man was designed to be the covering over the household proving spiritual and natural enlightenment that through his illustrations his seeds would abundantly prosper in all aspects of life.

But don't get me wrong there are some dynamic men in this world who have step up to the plate so to speak and handled their immediate responsibility. There are others who have availed themselves to take on the responsibility and provide this guidance to children that are not his own. Then there are those who have seen the errors of their ways and have rectified their own personal situation and have assumed their proper place mending bridges along the way. It is to these that we take the time to recognize their contributions. We pray blessing over their lives and immeasurable favor to rest upon them going forward. So this Fathers Day I truly salute my father, and grandfathers, and all the surrogate fathers that have made a deposited in my life which as made it possible to grow and live a fulfilling life. They have helped me to survive this world and the pitfalls that are oh too common. I especially salute those who guided me in the direct of knowing Jesus for myself. To these men I join you in wishing them a Happy and Blessed Fathers Day!

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# Men were Created, Designed, and Predestined to be Leaders

Evangelist Ella J. Alexander

Year in and year out, around this very time many fathers are recognized in small ways. It's sad that it takes an entire year to tell someone that they are appreciated. This will not be your ordinary article about fathers. This will not be honoring fathers because it is June and that is what they associate with this month.

This is the beginning of recognizing the men for their divine purpose. So many times men are over looked because of their status and color/race in society. They are pushed aside because of where they are from. They have been beat down by everything and everyone; including the women who say that they love them. Men were not created to sit on the side line, nor take the back seat in the family. Men were created to be leaders. They were designed to carry the loads and be the strength of the family. They are predestined to be great and make a change. No one is perfect, but there is a window of opportunity where there is an effort to push forward.

There has been a major shift that can't be overlooked. Men were taken from the homes, locked up and killed leaving the women to take the lead. Men have been discouraged and their integrity is being pulled on from every side. Many have lost hope. Many have become blinded and can't see any way possible to get pass the hump that holds them back. Women were not designed to take the lead. When you go to church, it is full of women. The women outweigh the men by the hundreds and yet the handful of men that are in the church are sitting back allowing the women to do everything. Take note of this: Women do not desire to do everything. It is load that was not meant for them to carry, but God has graced them to do so until the men get themselves together.

It is time for the men to stand in their rightful place. It is time for them to humble themselves before God and allow God to prepare them to lead as He has created, designed and predestined them to. Many things are specifically for men to do, but society have become so twisted they want the women to be part of everything in which they're not supposed to.

I encourage the men to be strong. Don't quit because of pressure. Don't give into the wicked ways of this world because they offer you a quick way to get ahead. Don't follow their understanding of respect and love. Men, you all were created to be the strength of your family, not the weak tail. You all were designed to fight and stand, to stand out and make a change. You all were predestined to take charge and lead. Do you not understand how vital you are to the women and children, as well as other men? Men, you all must learn to charge, not only in the bed when it comes to sex; many have become lazy in that area too. Go to God so He can once again program you to be the man He first created. The man He had in His mind. The man that refuse to turn his back on his family. The man that will not allow his children to not know him. The man that is looked up to and respected in the community. The man that knows how to speak and get things done in the right way. The man that knows how to make a honest living. The man that is an actual gentleman and is full of respect. The leader in integrity and morals. The leader to share wisdom and knowledge and keep things in order. The leader that knows how to bring the men together and go forward creating jobs, establishing great things within the communities. The ones that make sure that the women and children aren't left alone to defend for themselves.

Where are the REAL MEN? Will the men who are willing to tell the women, "A real man is here, you can surrender this position now. You no longer have to do my work or carry the load I am supposed to carry." Where are the real men that are willing to come forth out of darkness into God's marvelous light? Men, you are needed.

Many women say that they are strong and independent, and don't need a man because they have been broken, let down and abused. Those words are out of hurt and disappointment. Read between the lines men - You are needed. Children are looking for their dad, hoping that they had a father in their life. Someone to teach them and spend time with them.

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# MEN-WE HAVE A PROBLEM

Min. Mark Dudley

In the movie “Apollo 13”, Tom Hanks made the well-known statement: “Houston, we have a problem”. In a generation where young people are joining street gangs, because they want to feel part of a family, where the prisons are now filled with 16, 17, and even 18 year old teenagers, I want to scream out to every man: **Men-We have a Problem!!**

There’s been a sharp reversal of the concepts of family. At one time, it was the mother who stayed home, and took care of the kids, and made sure the house was in order, now it’s the man staying home watching video games, and spending time on social media. I’ve ministered to many homeless people, and the number of men that are in this situation far outweighs the women. I’ve always asked, “why are you in this situation?”, and the answers always amaze me: “I don’t want to work for 8.00 dollars an hour, there’s no jobs out here, or the one I hear a lot lately: I’m tired”. Every time I hear this, I think of Adam in the garden. God gives him the responsibility to tend or guard the garden, and he stands back and let his helpmeet Eve be deceived by the serpent. And, when God confronts Adam, he blames God for giving him Eve. Now, men blamed the president, or the color of their skin, or the lack of education for reasons why they haven’t stepped up and be responsible for their garden, which is their wives, or girlfriend, and their children: **Men-We have a Problem!!**

The only way to solve these issues is simple: **Men-Face the Wall**. In 2 Kings Chapter 20, Kings Hezekiah is given a word from the Prophet Isaiah: **“Set your house in order, you’re going to die”**. Men, that same word is for us. Our house is out of order, our son’s pants are down, and so are their dreams and expectations. Our daughters are looking for love, and they’re finding men who mistreat them, because they’ve never had an example of how a man should treat a woman. Our women, are taking the role of father, and attending the PTA meeting, while we the men are looking for the next drink, or the next high, trying to escape reality. When Hezekiah heard the news from the prophet, he turned his face to the wall. Men, we must face the wall, and cry out to the Lord!! And, in his prayer Hezekiah did what some men are timid of doing: He cried. Tears are not a sign of weakness, it’s an indication of humility. It’s an admittance that we can’t make it by ourselves, and we need divine intervention. If there was ever a time for men to face the wall, which is the altar it is now. We, are the mentors, our young men and women need. Men, we’ve have watched our house become dysfunctional for too long. This is the season where the Father’s return to their place as provider, and protector of their family. Hezekiah had a situation, and he took proactive action. Men, the ball is in your court, what will you do? As the song proclaims **“MY ANSWER WILL BE YES!!**

A knight in full plate armor stands in a dramatic, low-key lighting setting. The knight is the central figure, wearing a helmet with a visor and a breastplate with a prominent central ridge. He holds a sword upright in his right hand. To his left, the head and neck of a horse are visible, also in armor. The background is dark and textured, suggesting an indoor or cave-like environment.

# Family Protection

## Apostle John H. Brock

Grace, Mercy, and Peace be unto you from God our Father, and the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we talk about the family structure and dynamics, we must first understand where it all started. This started with Adam being created with the covenant and the authority to put things in order.

The family was established to become the institution for the very fabric of civilization, the blue print for life to continue. The components of the family are:

**A Father: the person to lead, and prepare those within the group. He is equipped with the very tools to empower every person within the**



**family.**

**A Mother: she is the very things a father isn't. She is the compassion, nutrition, compassion and the one who continues with the fruit of Love for the family.**

**Children: the children are the part of the family that will need the tools from the father to be able to replicate, so the family continues. The Son learns how to be a man like his father, he learns how to treat a woman so she will feel the protection just like his mother does. The daughter learns of the first love, which is her father.**

**As you see the family components are in line with the father. As long as he is in line with the authority of the Lord then everything will fall in place. The father is the one who provides the actual protection for the family, he is the one who gives direction, he gives the rules of life to everyone within his family.**

**My brothers know you have something that women don't have, you have the direct connection to the father, through his authority. Now when you are not there the family is out of balance. How do you justify being the authority when you are M.I.A.? You can't be because you weren't given the tools to pass on to your family. This is why the structure of the family has been compromised, and will not become totally protected because of the men are out of position.**

**You want the family to have strength and protection then my brother's get into your position, and lead, guide, and direct through the authority of the Lord.**

**Apostle John H Brock Jr.**



# Men: The Original Leaders and Strength of the Family

By Elder Diane Harvell

My life as relating to what I remember most to be the first man within my life, as the strength and head of the family and as my father is somewhat “unique” to say the least.

However, my earthly father did what he could as being a father to me. I believe one can only produce as much as they know. But without the blueprint of God’s purpose and design in life, or knowing how to “multiply” on earth, man is like a ship without the sail.

Since the beginning of time when God told the first man Adam and his wife Eve to “multiply” on the earth, our finite minds rapidly thinks of one way of multiplying....and that’s sexually. But God is not a man of flesh but much more so of “spirit.” His intention was for Adam to multiply the existence of God on the earth! To multiply God’s love, God’s purpose, and God’s peace on earth.

But we know how that (God’s) plan through Adam and Eve’s sin went backwards and not according to the plan of God. Sin has been abounding ever since and God’s new plan to redeem man is through the acknowledgement and acceptance of His Son, Jesus Christ!

It always amazed me how Adam named every animal and creature that exists and he knew their importance and purpose. Yet today, most men don’t even acknowledge, know, or relate to their children thus aborting the opportunity to tell them their significance and their purpose. “Multiply” simply means to repeat or add repeatedly.

It was Adams responsibility to repeat the life and word of God that he received from the Lord when he talked to God in the garden. Then everything else would continue to be “added” to their lives.

But through sin that fellowship with God was broken and Adam was cast out into a world of sin. Instead of being the strength of his family he “listened” to his wife and swapped roles with her, thus altering God’s plan for His people.

It’s not a wonder to me that women are in the forefront of many things in life today because the transfer was made in the garden when Satan beguiled Eve and Adam “listened” to her instead of leading her.” Now, man’s only way back into this divine fellowship with God is through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

So because man, our original leader sinned, the bible says, “Romans 5:12-Wherefore as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, and so death passed upon all men.....”

v-21-“That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace rein through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.”

But, God does not leave things half done he completes and perfects everything He starts. So my earthly father was one man with little power, but JESUS CHRIST is my spiritual FATHER WITH ALL POWER!!!

Therefore Satan has no authority over the beginning or the ending of our lives. Jesus is the only one that has the power to

finish what he started! Hebrews 12:2 says “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith;”

Thank you Father, for being our leader and our strength since the beginning of time!

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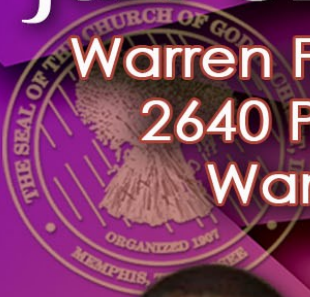
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