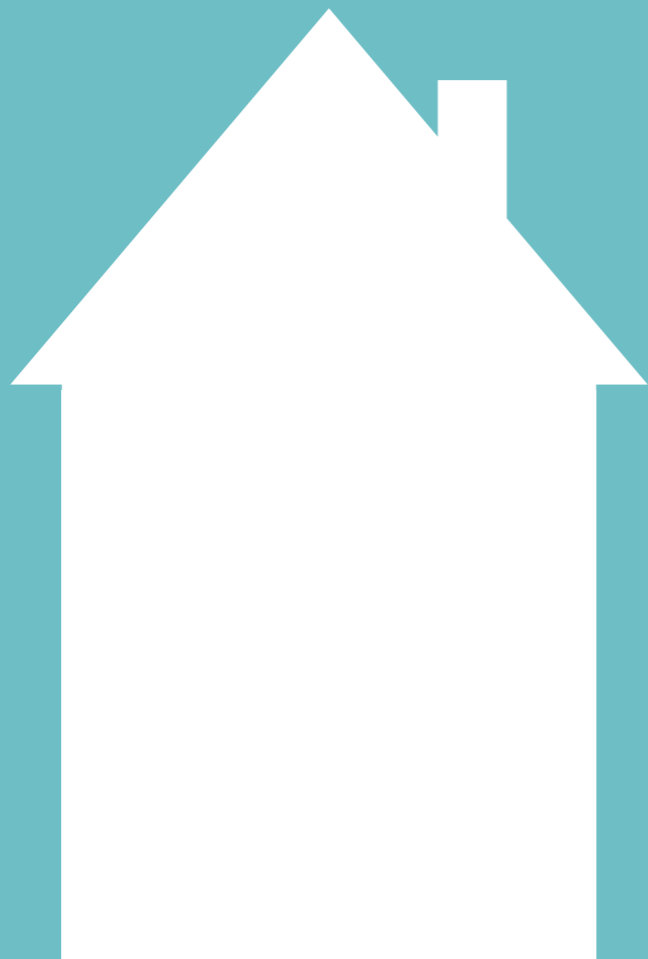


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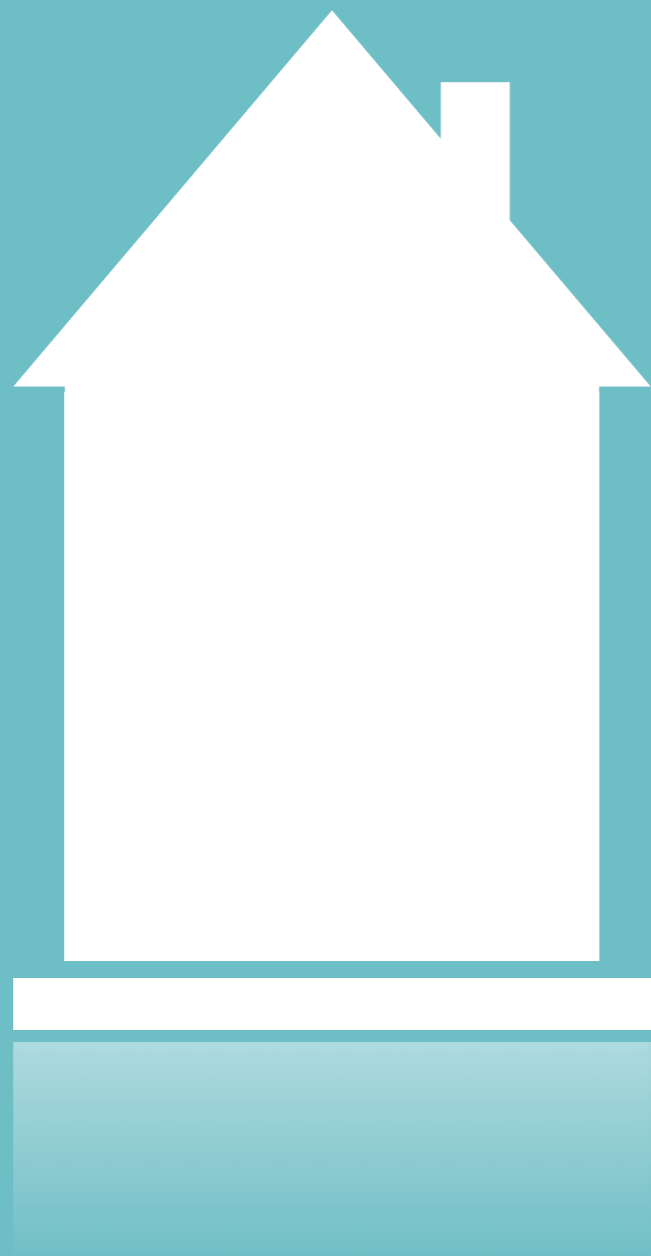
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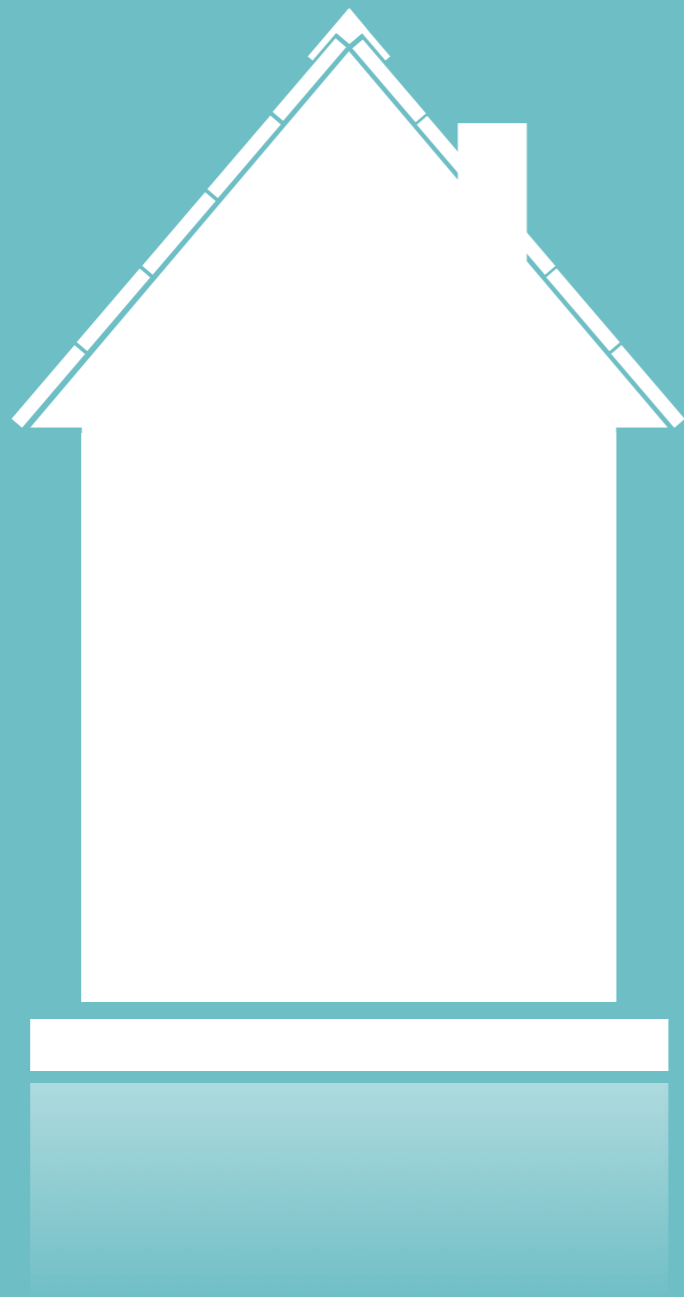




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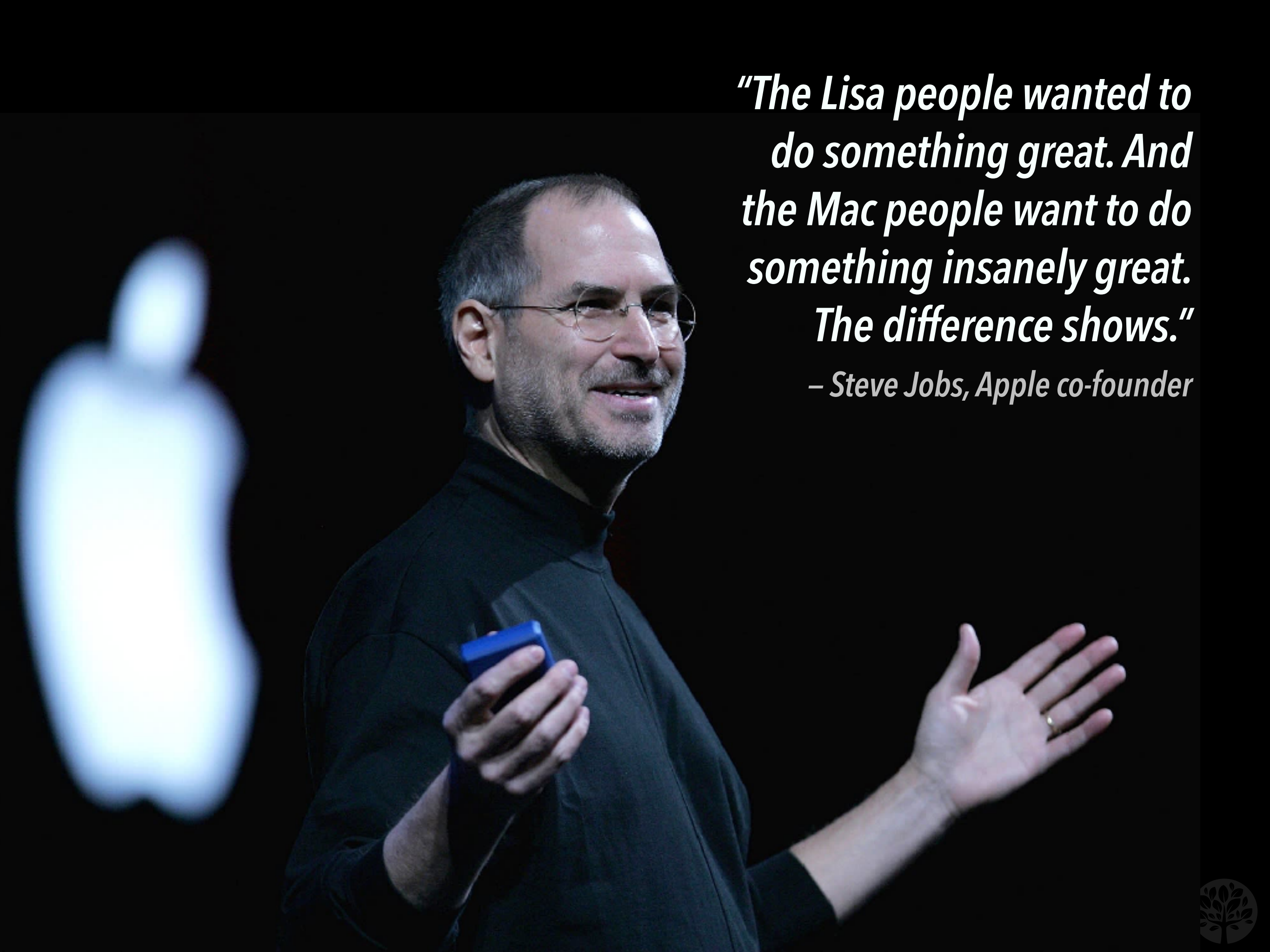


What's God's **VISION** for your family?

What's the key to **LEADING**
a family as God intends?

How do you **SUBMIT** with
joy rather than resentment?



A photograph of Steve Jobs on a stage, wearing his signature black turtleneck and glasses. He is holding a small blue device in his right hand and gesturing with his left hand. In the background, a large, glowing white Apple logo is visible against a dark backdrop.

"The Lisa people wanted to do something great. And the Mac people want to do something insanely great. The difference shows."

– Steve Jobs, Apple co-founder



A stylized silhouette of a house with a chimney, rendered in a light gray color against a dark gray background. The house shape is centered and serves as a backdrop for the text.

An 'Insanely Great' Home

Eph. 5:24 - 6:4

"How beautiful, then, the marriage of two Christians, two who are one in home, one in desire, one in the way of life they follow, one in the religion they practice...Nothing divides them either in flesh or in spirit...They pray together, they worship together, they fast together; instructing one another, encouraging one another, strengthening one another. Side by side they visit God's church and partake God's banquet, side by side they face difficulties and persecution, share their consolations...They have no secrets from one another; they never shun each other's company; they never bring sorrow to each other's hearts...Seeing this Christ rejoices. To such as these He gives His peace. Where there are two together, there also He is present."

– Tertullian, 2nd Century Christian (and husband)

Love & Marriage



TUG OF WAR



And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

*Not valid for relationships involving in-laws, a shared bank account, division of household chores, differing views on raising children, and differing needs for intimacy.

Colossians 3:14

English Standard Version



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**valid for all relationships except marriage.*

Colossians 3:14

English Standard Version



The game changer in
MARRIAGE
_____ is the _____
GOSPEL

Love & Marriage



"And I will show you a still more excellent way"

– 1 Corinthians 12:31b



1

Cross-Shaped Story

What kind of story is YOUR love story?

Love.

a “goopy”
____ LOVE

agape
____ LOVE

eros:

“I’m intoxicated by your best attributes.”

agape:

“I’m committed to your best interest.”

In this is love, not that we have loved God
but that he loved us and sent his Son to be
the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:10
English Standard Version



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1 John 4:11
English Standard Version



In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

1 John 4:11
English Standard Version



Love.

Love acts.

Love acts first.

Love acts first,
regardless.

*Sometimes the most basic words, spoken sincerely
and habitually, can make all the difference.*

What can I do?

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“What can I do?”

IN-LAWS

“What can I do
for your parents?”

(Ruth 1:16-17, Matthew 15:3-6)

MONEY

“What can I do
to give you more security?”

(1 Timothy 5:8; Ephesians 5:24,28)

DIVISION OF LABOR

“What can I do
to lighten your load?”

(Galatians 6:2-5)

KIDS & PARENTING

“What can I do
to understand?”

(James 1:19)

PHYSICAL INTIMACY

“What can I do
to serve you?”

(1 Corinthians 7:3-5)

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Colossians 3:14
English Standard Version





2

Cross-Shaped Sacrifice

When Leaders Serve, Love Begets Love



"I know I'm the leader, but I'm not sure I was properly trained for this job!"



How to Lead

By God



Let's Read
the Leader's
Instruction
Manual in
Ephesians
5:25-33

How to Lead

By God



A Bad Year

*And the road to
something better.*

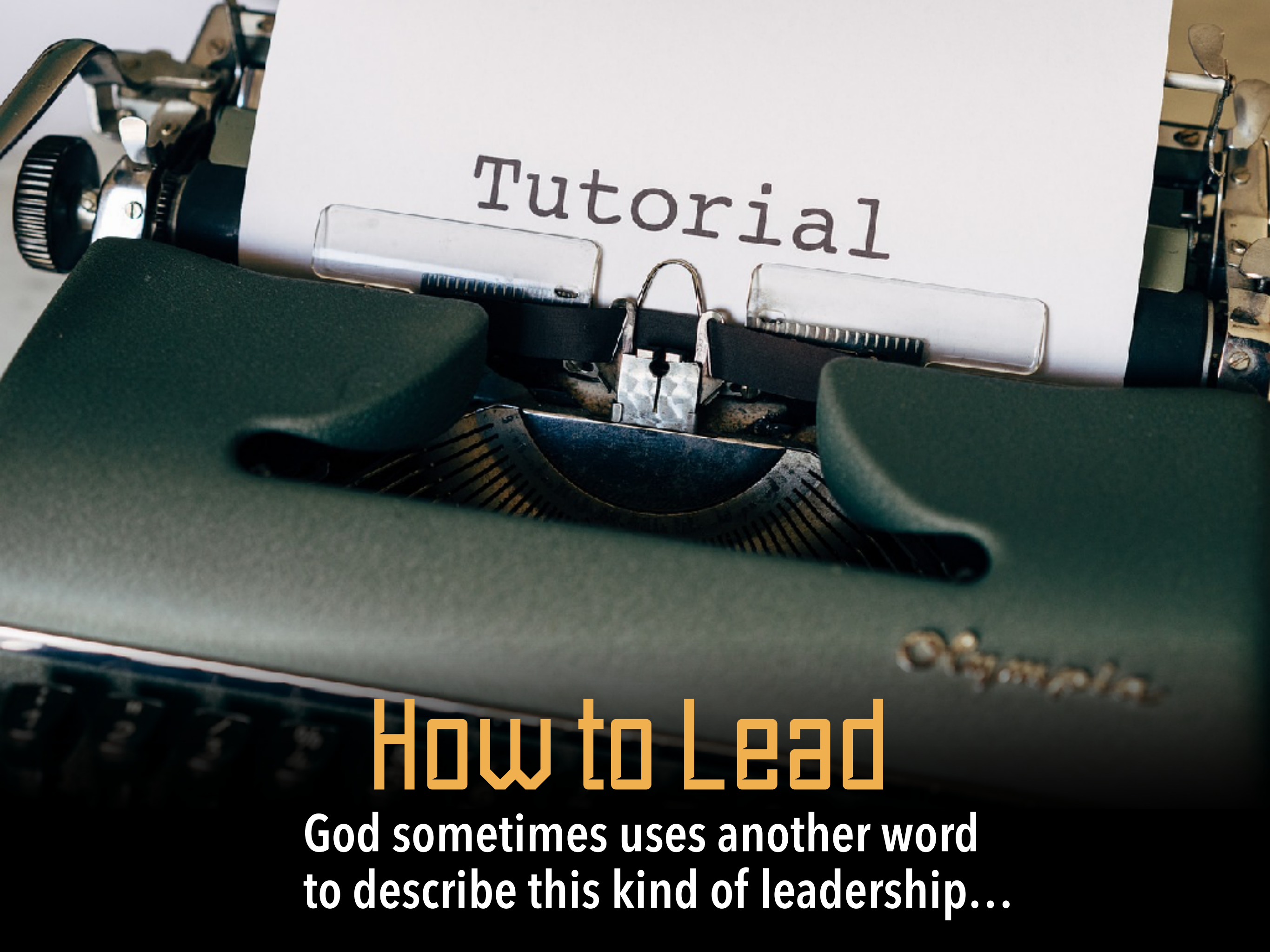
...It does not insist on its own way...

1 Corinthians 13:5
English Standard Version



Leadership is not the
privilege to rule but the
responsibility to serve.

Luke 22:25-27



Tutorial

How to Lead

God sometimes uses another word
to describe this kind of leadership...

"Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing **honor** to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered."

1 PETER 3:7

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THE STAKES

**A husband who doesn't honor
his wife is cut off from God.**

**TO HONOR SOMEONE IS TO LEND
WORTH & WEIGHT TO WHO THEY ARE.**

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WORTH & WEIGHT TO WHO THEY ARE.**

Jesus saw worth in us, came
near to understand us, and
gave everything to lead us into
a lasting bond with him.

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HUSBANDS

Work to really **understand** her.

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That will help you **honor** her.

HUSBANDS

Work to really understand her.

That will help you honor her.

That will help you lead
and protect her.

1 Peter 3:8

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

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1

**What is your wife's
greatest fear?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

2

**What makes your
wife feel defeated?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

3

What gives her joy?

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

4

**What are her
favorite memories
of the two of you?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

5

**How have you
been leading her
closer to Christ?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

6

**Where would
your wife say you
need to grow?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

7

**Does your wife feel
honored by you?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

8

**Do you make
jokes at your wife's
expense?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

9

**When does your wife
feel most loved and
supported by you?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

10

**Are you asking your wife
to carry burdens that
don't honor her as the
weaker vessel?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

11

**Are you helping her find
strength to grow &
serve, or hindering?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

12

**Does your wife feel
she can come to you to
work through spiritual
questions & issues?**

A QUIZ FOR HUSBANDS

13

**Do you work
together as if God
made you partners?**



3

Cross-Shaped Submission

Personal Submission Begets Positional Submission

Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

Ephesians 5:22-23
English Standard Version



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave
himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice
to God.

Ephesians 5:1-2
English Standard Version

“submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Ephesians 5:21
English Standard Version





A Christian Home's Secret Superpower

Eph. 5:21; 6:1

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Ephesians 5:21
English Standard Version



What
WOULDN'T you
do for Jesus?

Eph. 5:21; 6:1


Sacrifice and Submission bind
us together and bind us to God.

*Through his own sacrifice and
submission Jesus showed the way.*

Who is Lord of Your House?



Who is Lord of Your House?



Who is the
Head of the Head
of the House?

Who is Lord of Your House?

Who is the
Head of the Head
of the House?

But I want you to understand that
the head of every man is Christ,
the head of a wife is her husband,
and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:3

'Lead Me to Calvary'

In the cross,
we learn love.



