

# Understanding Spiritual Covering – *Master Class*

## "COVERED"

### II) WHAT DOES A SPIRITUAL COVERING DO?

A covering mentors, counsels and disciples. But a mentor, counselor or discipler is not necessarily a covering.

A covering, simply put, is **the HEAD** or **authority** in your life.

- Naomi and Ruth (spiritual mentor, counselor, discipler)
- Boaz and Ruth (**covering** and **head** to both Ruth and Naomi)

I **DISCIPLER** several guys, and am a spiritual father or big brother for several of them. But I am a **SPIRITUAL COVERING** for four young ladies. As we go deeper, we'll break these down further

<Mykala> Why do you desire a spiritual father?

A **spiritual mother** and a **spiritual father** are not the same.

- One clearly is female and one clearly male
- While society tries to blend the genders, the Lord God **does not** → Jesus Himself quoted Genesis 1:27 in Matthew 19:4 and Mark 10:6, that **in the beginning God made them male and female**
- **There is a difference!**

Paul says, (1 Corinthians 11:3) "But I want you to understand that

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the **HEAD** of every **MAN**
- and the \_\_\_\_\_ is the **HEAD** of a **WOMAN**
- and \_\_\_\_\_ is the **HEAD** of **CHRIST**"

A spiritual mother, like Naomi was to Ruth, was more of a mentor or disciple relationship, while Boaz and Ruth was a spiritual covering, as a husband and head

That's why **Gen 2:24** says

- the man leaves his mother and father → When he leaves, his **head** is Christ
- when he takes a wife,
  - she **leaves the covering of her father**
  - is now under the **covering of her husband**
  - He is now the head of his wife, signified by her **father giving her away in marriage**
- if she is not yet taken, **she remains under her father's covering and headship** (even if she no longer lives there)

**So, if you don't have a MALE who plays a spiritual father or spiritual big brother in your life SINGLE LADIES, you do not have a spiritual covering!**

A spiritual mother or *big sister* is also needed, but so is a spiritual father or *big brother* <---> but **THEY ARE DIFFERENT!**

**A spiritual mother or big sister ROLE** (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

- gives \_\_\_\_\_ **CARE** (gentleness)
- gives **AFFECTION**
- \_\_\_\_\_ and **PROTECTS** YOU as dear children

**A spiritual father or big brother's ROLE:** (1 Thessalonians 2:11)

A father not only births children, a father also cares for them. If the spiritual father did not naturally birth the person, he simply augments or adds to the one who did.

Paul says this is in 1Thes what a spiritual father does:

- Provides **STRONG** \_\_\_\_\_ (Exhorts): To call to one's side to strengthen, help, strongly advise, and instruct
- \_\_\_\_\_: Comforts, calms and consoles
- **CHALLENGES**: Challenges out of his own experiences in the Lord; to give witness to; to entrust with a duty

*Fatherlessness significantly impairs our ability to make good decisions and can easily set us up for relationship failure. We can only begin to combat this struggle with authority and rebellion by **returning to God’s original design for the family**. For singles—especially those without godly biological fathers—that means having a spiritual authority or spiritual father to cover you until God provides a spouse for you.*