
God Explains Marriage – Ephesians 5:22-33 (Part 10)

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. ²⁴ Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷ that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰ For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. ³¹ "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.

³³ Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects *her* husband.

A Husband Is to Love His Wife (25)

- Continually, sacrificially be loving your wife as Christ loved the church
- We're Commanded to Love Multiple Times: Enemies/One Another/Wives
- 3 "Befores" of Love: Right Order (Lu 14:26), Purpose (1 Cor 13:1-3), & Target (1 John 2:15)

HOW a Husband Is to Love His Wife (25) (How Did Christ Love the Church?)

1. I am to love my wife at the expense of my own comfort & convenience, & my life
2. I am to love my wife with a focus on what she needs (may not = what she / church wants)
Leadership – Instruction – Sanctification – Protection – Provision – Mercy & Grace
3. With an attitude of humility (Phil 2:1-8) – Count her as worth living for, and worth dying for
4. With loving behavior (1 Cor 13:4-7) – What love looks like and sounds like

WHY a Husband Is to Love His Wife (26)

1. The Purpose – Sanctification (Positional vs. Practical)
2. The Process – Cleansing (2 Cor 7:1; James 4:8)
3. The Procedure – Washing of Water (Ps 119:9; Heb 10:22; John 15:3; 17:17; 1 John 1:6-10)
4. The Prompting – In a Word (Titus 2:11-14; Deut 6:6-7; 2 Cor 3:18)

It is the active application of the Word in life's circumstances

Men – Are you speaking to your wife the sanctifying Word in the circumstances of life?

Women – Do you look to your husband to highlight the circumstances of life by the Word?

The GOAL of a Husband's Love for His Wife (27)

1. The Presenter: "that He might present to Himself"
2. The Presentee: "the glorious assembly"
3. The Particulars:

- Not having: Spot, or wrinkle or any such thing
- But might be: Holy and "blemishless"

God's goal (and each husband's goal) is to purify & sanctify presently, continually, progressively, and fully.

Believers: Are you obediently participating with God in pursuing His goal for you?

Husbands: Are you obediently participating with God in pursuing His goal for you and your wife?

Love Your Wife Like Your Own Body (28-29)

²⁸ So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord *does* the church.

1. The Indebted _____ to Your Wife

"So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies"

The Easiness of "_____"

Simple; rubber meets the road. Bone meets the flesh...

The Obligation of "_____"

"Ought" seems to mean "should," but actually means "_____"

Phmn 1:18 But if he has wronged you or owes anything, put that on my account.

Rom 1:14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

Matt 6:12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors.

The Glaring Nature of "_____"

Used 4x in Verse 28 and 1x in Verse 29

The Privileged _____ of Continual _____

_____ infinitive

What we've talked about already – _____

2. The Logical _____ to Love Your Wife

"he who loves his wife loves himself"

- She is part of _____
- Caring for _____ is caring for _____
- Benefitting _____ is benefitting _____
- What part of loving your wife is a poor investment?

3. The Truthful _____ of How We Care for Our Own Bodies

"for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it"

- What you do for yourself
- What you protect yourself from
- Nourish – _____
- Cherish – _____ and _____

4. The Spiritual _____ of Such Care

"just as the Lord does the church"