

Becoming the Husband Your Wife Desires

Ephesians 5:22-33

“Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body. FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.” (Ephesians 5:22–33)

1. _____ **Your Wife**

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What does “Leadership” look like in marriage.

A. Jesus **prayed** for his bride and a husband should _____ for his bride.

“But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves. “I have given



them Your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. “I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one. “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. “Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. “As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. “For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in truth. “I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.” (John 17:13–21)

- B. Jesus exposed His bride to empowering **Truth** and husbands should expose their wives to the truth of the _____.

“When Jesus saw the crowds, He went up on the mountain; and after He sat down, His disciples came to Him. He opened His mouth and began to teach them, saying,” (Matthew 5:1–2)

“Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.” (John 17:17)

- C. Jesus focused more on internal **character development** than external happiness and husbands must realize that God holds you partially accountable for your wife’s _____, character, growth and influence.

“For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20)

- D. Jesus **led** by _____. He was not a dictator, but lead through serving others.

“For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you.” (John 13:15)

*“Be imitators of me, just as I also am of Christ.”
(1 Corinthians 11:1)*



- E. Jesus **protected** His bride and husbands must _____ the spirit, soul and body of their wives.

“I do not ask You to take them out of the world, but to keep them from the evil one.” (John 17:15)

“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)

2. _____ **Your Wife**

A husband’s love for his wife should look like Christ’s love for the Church. How did Jesus love the church?

- A. Put her _____ in your life.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,” (Ephesians 5:25)

*“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”
(1 John 4:10)*

- B. _____ her selflessly and sacrificially.

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“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”” (Mark 10:45)

- C. Lavish her with tenderness, kindness and _____.

“So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ



also does the church, because we are members of His body.”
(Ephesians 5:28–30)

“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.” (1 Peter 3:7)

3. Be _____ to Your Wife

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A. Let her know that your marriage is the _____ relationship among all earthly relationships.

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B. Develop _____ and don't just settle for residency.

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Answers: Lead, Pray, Bible, Spiritual Maturity, Example, Protect, Love, First, Serve, Honor, Loyal, Preeminent, Intimacy.

Benediction:

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8:38–39)

