

Series: "CONNECTED"  
 Part 6: "MARRIAGE BY DESIGN"  
 Crossroads Community Church  
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**Qualities of a Godly Marriage**

<sup>15</sup>Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,  
<sup>16</sup>making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.  
<sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will  
 is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead,  
 be filled with the Spirit.

Ephesians 5:15-18 (NIV)

1. Both spouses are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 first and foremost.

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

2. Both spouses \_\_\_\_\_ to  
 each other.

3. Both spouses \_\_\_\_\_ their  
 \_\_\_\_\_ role.

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will  
 make a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:18 (NIV)

➤ **Wives: Embrace our role as a \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ your husband.**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the  
 Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head  
 of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the  
 church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their  
 husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24 (NIV)

*and the wife must respect her husband.*

Ephesians 5:33b (NIV)

*Better to live in a desert than with a quarrelsome and nagging wife.*

Proverbs 21:19 (NIV)

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and  
 gave himself up for her

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

➤ **Husbands: Embrace your role as a \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 \_\_\_\_\_ your wife.**

<sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water  
 through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant  
 church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and  
 blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their  
 wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

Ephesians 5:26-28 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup>Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

Colossians 3:19 (NIV)

<sup>31</sup>"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be  
 united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." <sup>32</sup>This is a  
 profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

Ephesians 5:31-32 (NIV)

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