

UPGRADE YOUR VITAL RELATIONSHIPS

EPHESIANS 5:21-30 [NLT*]

21 And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

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25 For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her **26** to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. **27** He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. **28** In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. **29** No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. **30** And we are members of his body.

[* all verses in NLT unless otherwise noted]

BIG IDEA

Christians who are full of the Spirit will seek to promote harmonious marriage relationships based on mutual respect and concern for the good of the other.

PRIORITY 5

Husbands, _____ your wives with _____ & _____.

Lead your wife.

23 For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

- ▶ Leading means taking the _____ & accepting _____ for her and the family.
- ▶ Lead her like Jesus leads the church.

Love your wife.

25 For husbands, this means love your wives,

- ▶ **Love** (agapaō) means seeking the highest good for another person.

1. ...Like Jesus loved the _____.

25...just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ...

- **Love** (agapaō) means an unselfish love as seen in Christ's sacrificial death in which He gave Himself up for the church.

John 10:11
John 10:15
John 10:17-18 17
Galatians 1:4
Hebrews 9:14

2. ...Like you _____ for your own body.

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~~The love of the husband sacrifices & serves to enable his wife to become what God intends her to be. ~~

Husbands, you are uniquely designed to take the initiative in & accept the responsibility for your marriage relationship.

1. _____ your wife.

2. Be the first to say '_____'.

3. Be the first to _____ what's yours.