

# L4: Ephesians 5:25-31 - The Pattern & Instruction of a Godly Husband Pt. 1

## Sermon Intro: Review/Summarize

- The marriage union is the foundation of the family
- The pattern and instruction of a godly wife involved
  - Submission to husband
  - Modest apparel
  - Profess godliness
  - Keep the home
    - Love husband
    - Love children

## Sermon Preview:

- Look into the scriptures concerning the pattern of a godly husband and the instruction the scriptures provide concerning it.

## Sermon:

**(Ephesians 5:25) Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;**

- The direction is now pointed to the husbands.
- **"love your wives"**
  - What does this mean in reference to what has already been taught?
    - Romans 12, Romans 13, Romans 8
    - 1 Corinthians 13
- **"even as Christ also loved the church"**
  - Romans 5
- **"and gave himself for it"**
  - Gave himself - Matt. 20

**(Ephesians 5:26) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,**

- **"that"** - purpose of giving Himself for the church

- **"he might sanctify and cleanse it"** - Romans 1 "uncleanness"
- **"with the washing of water by the word"** - the word washes from justification to sanctification
  - 1 Thessalonians 4:11ff

**(Ephesians 5:27) That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

- **"That He might present it to Himself a glorious church"**
  - **"not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing"**
  - **"but that it should be holy and without blemish."**

**(Ephesians 5:28) So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself.**

- **"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies"** - as themselves
- **"He that loveth his wife loveth himself."** - one flesh

**(Ephesians 5:29) For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:**

- **"For no man ever yet hated his own flesh"**
  - Not selfishness, but self interest that finds happiness, worth, and value in making others happy
- **"but nourisheth"** - To supply the means of support and increase; to encourage; To educate; to instruct; to promote growth in attainments.
- **"and cherisheth it"** - To treat with tenderness and affection; to give warmth, ease or comfort to; To hold as dear; to embrace with affection

**(Ephesians 5:30) For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones.**

- **"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones"**
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**(Ephesians 5:31) For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh.**

- **"for this cause shall a man leave his father and mother"** - leaves the family

relationship with parents

- Would you notice the word “leave” in verse 31? It’s a very intense word. It means to leave behind, it means to abandon – literally, leave. And, of course, we have to give advice about that lots of times to young couples who have started to cleave but forgotten to leave, which is very helpful. The word “cleave,” means to be glued to. You come together to stick, oneness of physical union which incorporates oneness of mind, oneness of purpose, oneness of heart, oneness of emotion. And you enter into this most private, magnificent, intimate, personal relationship.

### **Contrast to Adam in the Garden**

- Dominion (Genesis 1)
- Garden to keep and till it (Genesis 2)
- Eve - bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh (Genesis 2)
  - Help meet for Adam
- Adam - yields to his wife in the area he isn't to yield
  - He was to give himself
  - Protect, care, for her
  - Teach her the word of God and uphold it

### **More**

- Titus 2:1-2
- 1 Timothy 3:2
- 1 Peter 3:7
  - Dwell with them according to knowledge
    - Giving honour unto the wife (Prov. 31:28)
      - As unto the weaker vessel
      - As being heirs together of the grace of life
    - Prayers be hindered - if there isn't unity with my wife I can't do anything else
      - Usually, one of us pursues the other
      - We talked about each of us pursuing reconciliation when in an argument
      - When we have been and I leave the room I can't do anything else
        - I am not one, I am not unified in spirit with my wife

### **Parenting**

- Husband - the way you treat your wife

### **Sermon Conclusion: Review/Summarize**

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