

# L8 | Divine Institutions | Institution of Marriage Pt. 5 | Eph. 5:22-33

## I. Intro/Review:

### 1. The Mutual and Spousal Responsibilities in Marriage

1.1 - Submission

1.2 - Love

## II. Preview:

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1.1 - Mutual

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1.1.3 - Chastity

1.1.4 - Help

1.1.5 - Peace

## III. Sermon:

### 1.1.3 - Chastity | Sexually pure and the cheerful giving of yourself sexually to your spouse

- "Due" - We owe it to each other
- "Benevolence" - kindness
- No one else is allowed to come between husband and wife who freely give themselves to each other
- Bound by God to afford each other the mutual enjoyment of each other
- Bound not to give themselves to anyone else, but on the other hand they are to each other

### 1. Means of Preserving

1.1 - Pro. 4:23 - guard our hearts against lust

1.2 - Guard the inlets to our souls (eyes and hears)

1.3 - Abhor adultery and all temptations (entertainment)

1.4 - Delight in each other

1.4.1 - Delight must go deeper than appearances

1.4.2 - We must not come to bed seeing our spouse only as a means to our selfish satisfaction

1.5 - Avoid two extremes

1. When you withhold yourself from your spouse

2. Using the marriage bed excessively to the neglect of other responsibilities or to the weariness of one's spouse (sex should not be an idol)

3. Just like any other liberty or lawful activity when used in "excess" it can become unlawful

- Food - gluttony
- Sleep - sluggard

### 1.1.4 - Helpfulness

- Initial Thoughts

1. "yoke" - a pulling (pull evenly and equally whereby the load is lighter)

2. Woman

- 2.1 - Genesis 2:18 - "And the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.""

- 2.2 - Pro. 31:12 - "She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."

3. Man

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

- the man given the woman "meet" for him as she is "of man" is to help her
- Nourish and cherish

4. Vows - reflect not just wedded to your spouse's body, but the joining of souls (mutual care of each other's bodies - Rom. 1:24,12:10, 13, 20; (due benevolence)

- Body
  - Eph. 5:29
  - Sickness or in health
- Souls
  - For richer or poorer
  - Spiritually

1. Comfort and support in times of difficulty

- 1.1 - ease pain, attend to each other wounds

- 1.2 - calm fears, bearing anothers burdens (Rom. 14; Gal. 6)

- 1.3 - comfort hearts (Rom. 1; 2 Cor. 7:6-7; Php. 2:1)

- 1.4 - Ecc. 4:9 - "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour."

- 1.5 - Ecc. 4:10-11

2. Name and reputation

- 2.1 - 1 Tim. 5:19 - accusation of elder how greater is the name and reputation of your spouse

- 1 Tim. 5:13-14 - "...speaking things which they ought not...give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully."

- 2.2 - 2 Cor. 1:12 - "...conversation in the world,"

- 2.3 - Eph. 4:25, 29 - whether lying or corrupt communication use communication that is good to the use of edifying

- 2.4 - Col. 3:12-14 - "...and above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness."

- 2.5 - 1 Pet. 4:8 - "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

### 3. Family Worship

3.1 - work together to build a godly family; possess a united fervency

3.2 - Grow in Christ

- Don't neglect the soul
- Read scriptures together
- Attend church together
- Meek correction of sin
- Don't think too highly of yourself
- Speak to build each other up
- Abstain from provoking one another

3.3 - We will stand before the judgment seat of Christ may we not be found wanting in the neglect of our spouse the institution, for those in it, He uses most to know Christ.

### 4. Ruling of Home

4.1 - 1 Tim. 3:5 - "(for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)"

- Gen. 18:19; 1 Sam. 3:13

4.2 - Tit. 2:4-5; Pro. 31:27

4.3 - Different roles and different business both are to help each in their roles and in their business for the profit of each other and profit of home.

4.4 - Husband that helps wife with children adds much authority to her that she be not despised or lightly esteemed.

#### • Means

- Forgive and encourage to mortify
- Meekness and gentleness
- Prayers not gossip
- Guard against self-centeredness (Rom. 12:3; 1 Cor. 13)
  - Love each other
  - Marriage is a giving away of one's self
- Spiritual Health
  - To care for another you must know and care about your own spiritual life
  - Talk about God together and not just worldly business
  - Don't avoid or cast down serious talks of God - rather contribute and ask questions
  - Do not discourage reproof by being so easily offended
  - Read and engage in each other's reading
  - Don't hide your soul or conceal your faults from each other

#### **1.1.5 - Peace**

- Eph. 4:3 - Endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace
- Rom. 12 - as much as lieth in you live peaceably with all men

- Rom. 14 - kingdom of God is in righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost
- 1 Cor. 7:15 - but God hath called us to peace (not the author of confusion, but of peace (1 Cor. 14:33))
- Jas. 3:18 - and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace
- 1 Pet. 3:11 - let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it
- A close relationship peace is required
- Peace spreads abroad to all other responsibilities but anger, wrath, and confusion can spill into them as well
  - You can go from delight to a prison
- Impacts the whole family
  - Impact upon parental reproofs when children always experience your own guiltiness
- Please one another - 1 Cor. 7:33-34
  - Give all joy to one another without sin
  - Rom. 14:1-7
- Saying, "happy wife, happy life" - "happy husband and wife, happy life"
  - How miserable wives' can make it for their husbands
  - What is the husband doing that the wife would treat him so miserably
- Turn toward each other - giving & receiving - contentment and satisfaction

#### **IV. Conclusion:**

- A Puritan - "Have a strong love, care for one another's body, care for one another's name, care for one another's credit, care for one another's goods and estate, care for one another's family, care for one another's soul, conjugal honor, cohabitation, sexual intimacy, communion in worship, chastity, fidelity, bearing one another's burdens, avoid anger, assuage unruly passions, please each other in all things lawful, abhor adultery and all that tends to it, delight in each other, live in quietness and peace, edify each other in the things of God, be a helper in one another's Christian walk, patience, keeping one another's secrets, strive for peace, pray for and with each other, admonish each other for sin, exhort each other to grow in grace, procreation, build a godly family, family worship, satisfy each other, family government, faithfulness in temporal matters, court one another's happiness, prefer each other in kindness, counter one another's defects, helpfulness in one another's afflictions."