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EPH. 5:22-33

EPHESIANS 5:32

This is a great mystery:
but I speak concerning
Christ and the church.



EPHESIANS 5:22-24

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. 24 Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.

EPHESIANS 5:22-24

As unto the Lord

**SUBMISSION IS ABOUT
CREATING UNITY
WITHOUT LOSING
YOUR IDENTITY**



EPHESIANS 5:22

Submit yourselves ... as
unto the Lord



EPHESIANS 5:24

Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so [let] the wives [be] to their own husbands in everything.



**PARTNERSHIP: A WIFE SHARES
HER PERSPECTIVE HONESTLY
AND RESPECTFULLY TRUSTING
THAT HER INPUT MATTERS IN
THE DECISION-MAKING**

**SUPPORT: EVEN WHEN THE FINAL
DECISION RESTS WITH HER
HUSBAND, A WIFE WILL SUPPORT
THE DIRECTION WHILE STILL BEING
FREE TO EXPRESS HER FEELINGS.**

**CALLING: SHE PURSUES HER
GOD-GIVEN GIFTS AND CALLINGS,
KNOWING THAT HER HUSBAND'S
LEADERSHIP SHOULD
ENCOURAGE – NOT SUPPRESS –
HER GROWTH IN THOSE GIFTS
AND CALLINGS**

**RESPECT: SUBMISSION IS NOT
THE SAME AS SILENT
AGREEMENT; IT IS A RESPECTFUL
ENGAGEMENT THAT BUILDS UNITY
WITHIN THE RELATIONSHIP**

EPHESIANS 5:23

For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.



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.



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JOHN 13:4-5

He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. 5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe [them] with the towel wherewith he was girded.

EPHESIANS 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it



EPHESIANS 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 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

EPHESIANS 5:25-27

...and gave himself for it

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world,
that he gave his only begotten
Son, that whosoever believeth
in him should not perish, but
have everlasting life.



EPHESIANS 5:26-27

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 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

JOHN 15:3

Now ye are clean
through the word which I
have spoken unto you.



**SPEAK WORDS
THAT BUILD
RATHER THAN
BREAK**

PROVERBS 18:21

Death and life [are] in
the power of the tongue:
and they that love it shall
eat the fruit thereof



PROVERBS 15:4

A wholesome tongue [is] a
tree of life: but
perverseness therein [is] a
breach in the spirit.



**CHALLENGE: INTENTIONALLY
SPEAK AT LEAST ONE LIFE-GIVING
WORD TO YOUR SPOUSE EVERY DAY
THIS WEEK. SPEAK SOMETHING
THAT ENCOURAGES, AFFIRMS, OR
EXPRESSES GRATITUDE. AT THE
SAME TIME, COMMIT TO HOLD BACK
ONE NEGATIVE OR CRITICAL WORD
YOU WOULD NORMALLY SAY.**

EPHESIANS 5:33

Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife [see] that she reverence [her] husband.



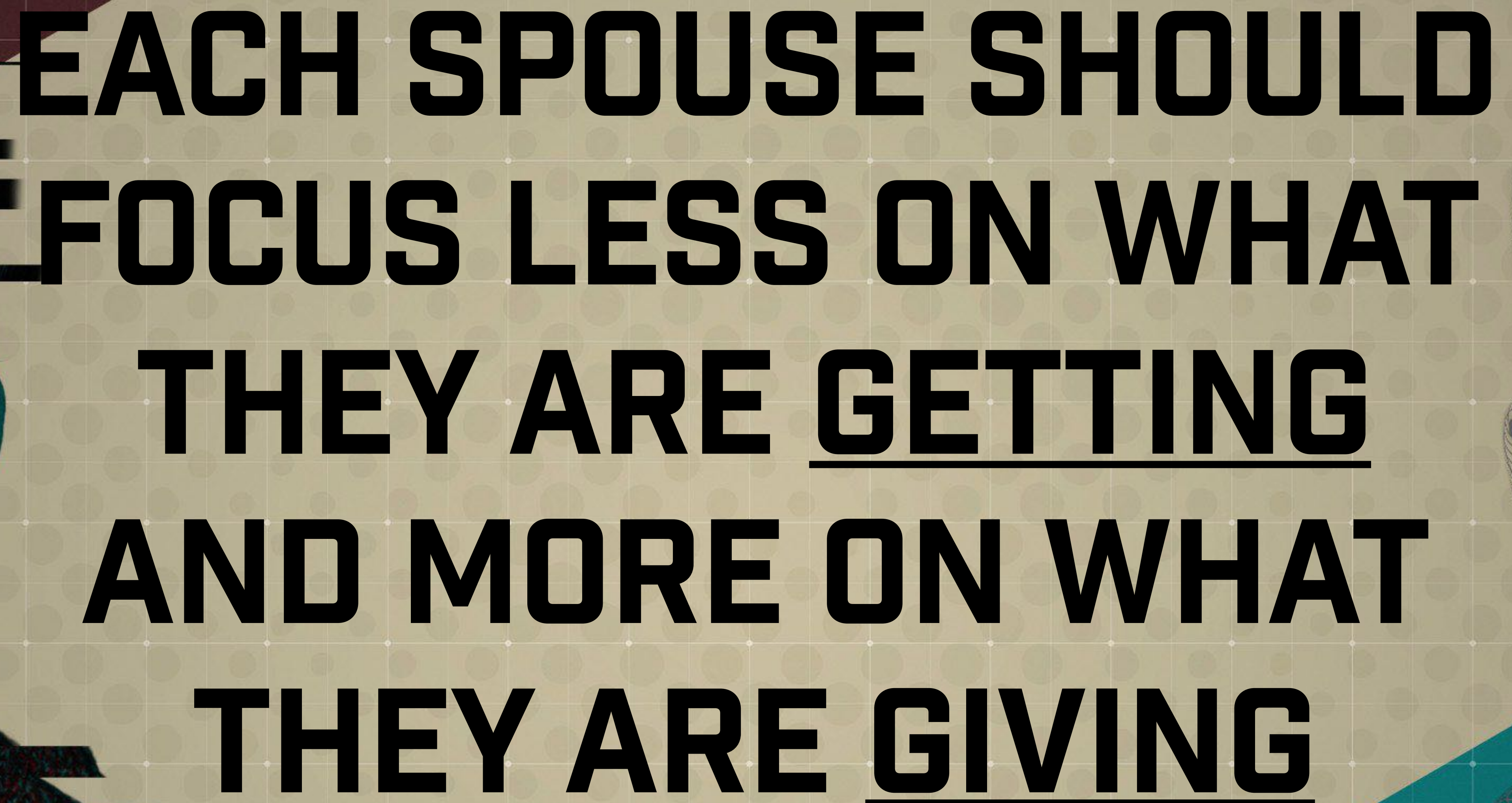


DISRESPECT →

LACK OF LOVE →

MORE DISRESPECT →

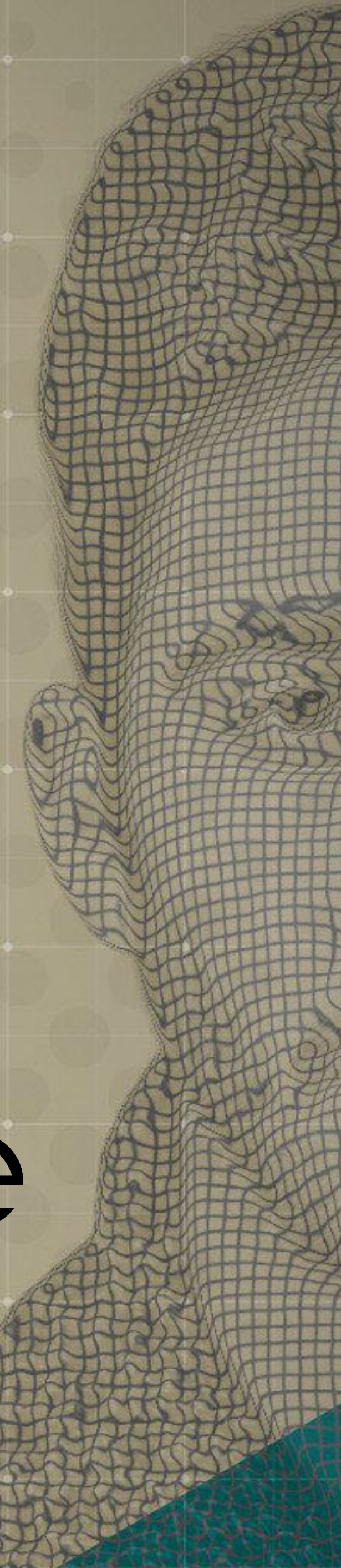
LESS LOVE

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**EACH SPOUSE SHOULD
FOCUS LESS ON WHAT
THEY ARE GETTING
AND MORE ON WHAT
THEY ARE GIVING**

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