

JESUS' Design: The NEW Christian Family

Pt.2 - Colossians 3:19

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"There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage....Let the wife make the husband glad to come home, and let him make her sorry to see him leave." - Martin Luther

Col 3:19 - "**Husbands, love your wives and do not be bitter toward them.**"

AMP - "*Husbands, love your wives [be affectionate and sympathetic with them] and do not be harsh or bitter or resentful toward them.*"

In the ancient world - under Jewish, Greek, and Roman customs, **all power and privileges belonged to husbands** in regard to wives, to fathers in regard to children, and to masters in regard to slaves.

Paul's words to husbands safeguards his words to wives.

Though wives are to submit to their husbands, it never excuses husbands acting as tyrants over their wives.

I. **WHAT** should Husbands do?? - "..love your wives.." - Greek "**agapao**", one of 4 different words used for "love".

*Agape love is a love that **loves without changing.***

*Agape love is a self-giving; **gives without expecting re-payment.***

*Agape love is love so great that it **can be given to the unlovable.***

*Agape love is love that **loves even when it is rejected.***

*Agape love gives and **loves because it chooses to.***

What Paul is writing to the husbands is this: "**Husband, continually practice self-denial for the sake of your wife.**"

Of course, this agape love is **the kind of love Jesus has for His people** and this is the love husbands should imitate towards their wives (Ephesians 5:25).

II. **WHY** should Husbands do it??

1. Your **KING** Commands it!

James 2:14-18 AMP - "What is the use (profit), my brethren, for anyone to profess to have faith if he has **no [good] works [to show for it]**? Can [such] faith save [his soul]? 15 If a brother or sister is poorly clad and lacks food for each day, 16 And one of you says to him, Good-bye! Keep [yourself] warm and well fed, without giving him the necessities for the body, what good does that do? 17 So also faith, if it does not have **works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up)**, by itself is **destitute of power (inoperative, dead)**. 18 But someone will say [to you then], You [say you] have faith, and I have [good] works. Now you show me your [alleged] faith apart from any [good] works [if you can], and I **by [good] works [of obedience]** will show you my faith."

John 15:9-14,17 - "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. **If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love**, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. **This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.** Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. **You are My friends if you do whatever I command you...** These things I **command you, that you love one another.**"

1 John 2:3-5 - "Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. **He who says, "I**

know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him."

Matthew 7:21-23 - "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but **he who does the will of My Father in heaven**. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!**'"

2 Corinthians 13:5 AMP - "**Examine and test and evaluate your own selves** to see whether you are holding to your faith and **showing the proper fruits of it. Test and prove yourselves** [not Christ]. Do you not yourselves realize and know [thoroughly by an ever-increasing experience] that Jesus Christ is in you—**unless you are [counterfeits] disapproved on trial and rejected?**"

2. Your WIFE Needs it!

Security Financially - Genesis 2; What \$\$ Level?

Honesty - No Dr. Jekyll.. (Exodus 20; Jn 14:6)

Affection - 1 Cor 7:3 ("good state of mind")

Real Conversation - Ephesians 5 ; Revelation 2,3

Powerful Family - Ephesians 6:4 ; Colossians 3

III. WHEN should husbands do it??

1. When you **WAKE UP**...

2. When you **WALK IN**...

3. When you **WANDER OUT**...

"..and do not be bitter toward them." - The husband may feel perfectly justified in his harsh or unloving attitude and actions towards his wife, but **he is not justified - no matter how the wife has been**

towards the husband. Agape loves even when there are obvious and glaring deficiencies, even when the receiver is unworthy of the love.

The Bible is not a series of disconnected stories. But rather, it is one single narrative in which every page, every chapter, every major character points beyond itself to one who is greater, to the one who is the Greatest: JESUS.

*The story of Adam and Eve is not just the story about the first man and woman. JESUS is the true and better **Adam**, who passed the test in the Garden and whose obedience is now ascribed to us, who follow Him.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Abel**, who though innocently slain, has blood that cries out, not for our condemnation, but for our redemption and forgiveness.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Abraham**, who answered the call of God, to leave all that was familiar and comfortable, and to go out into the void and create a brand new People of God.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Isaac**, the Son of Laughter and Grace, who was not just offered up by his father on a mountain, but was willingly and truly sacrificed for us all on Calvary.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Jacob**, who wrestled and took the blow of justice that we deserve, so that we, like Jacob, only receive the wounds of grace, that wake us up and discipline us.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Joseph**, who sits at the right hand of the King, forgives those who betrayed him and sold him, and who uses His new power to save them.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Moses**, who stands in the gap between the people and the Lord, and who mediates a New covenant, not*

based up the Law and the sacrifice of animals, but upon God's infinite grace and the His own perfect blood.

*JESUS is the true and better **Rock of Moses**, who was struck with the rod of God's justice and wrath, but who now gives us water and life, in the desert.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Job**, the truly innocent sufferer, who then intercedes for, and finally saves his foolish friends.*

*JESUS is the true and better **David**, whose victory becomes his people's victory, though they never lifted a stone to accomplish it themselves*

*JESUS is the true and better **Esther**, who didn't just risk losing an earthly palace, but rather gave up the Heavenly one; who didn't just risk His life, but gave His life to rescue and save His people.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Jonah**, Who was cast out into the storm of God's fury, so that we could safely be brought in.*

*JESUS is the true and better **Passover Lamb**, Who is innocent, perfect, helpless, slain so that the angel of Death would pass over us.*

*Jesus is the true **Temple**; the true **Prophet**; the true **Priest**; the true **King**; the true **Sacrifice**; the true **Lamb**, the true **Light**, and the true **Life**.*

*Jesus is also the true and better **Husband**, who loves his Bride with perfect agape love, Who serves her sacrificially and constantly, Who washes her perfectly with His Word, beautifies her with His grace, empowers her with His strength, and saved her with his blood. Jesus is the true and better and perfect Husband.*