

Walk In Wisdom: Part 2

How to Make Marriage Work

Ephesians 5:22-33

- I. **The responsibility of the wife is to submit to her husband (vv. 22-24).**
 - A. The Apostle Paul admonishes wives to submit to their husband (v. 22).
 - B. The motive for submission is to empower the husband to lead and serve the household (v. 23).
 - C. The manner that women are to submit to their husband is according to the model of the Church's submission to Christ in everything (v. 24).

- II. **The responsibility of the husband is to love his wife (vv. 25-32).**
 - A. The Apostle Paul admonishes husbands to love their wife (v. 25a).
 - B. The manner that men are to love their wife is according to the model of Christ's sacrificial love for the Church (vv. 25b-27).
 1. Christ loved the Church by his sacrifice (v. 25b).
 2. Christ loved the Church to glorify her and cleanse her through his words (v. 26).
 3. Christ glorified and cleansed the Church to honor himself with an extraordinarily glorious bride who radiates his kindness (v. 27).
 - C. The responsibility of men is to love their wife in the same manner they love their own bodies (vv. 28-32).
 1. The responsibility of men is to love their wife (v. 28a).
 2. The manner that husbands are to love their wife and thus prove their own love of themselves is the same way they love and care for their own body (v. 28b-29a).

3. The manner that men love themselves is the same way exemplified by Christ's love for the Church to whom believers belong and were created to belong (vv. 29b-32).

III. The aim of Paul's instruction is for husbands to love their wife and for wives to respect their husband (v. 33).

IV. Life-giving relationships prioritize humility before honor (Prov. 15:33, 22:4; 1 Pet. 3:8).

- A. Wives will find greater fulfillment and honor their husband when they release ultimate responsibility and accountability for the household to their husband.
- B. Men will find greater fulfillment and show love to their wife by serving them sacrificially.

V. If you want to get more out of marriage, be intentional to give more to your spouse!

- A. Husbands, love your wife sacrificially.
- B. Wives, submit to your husband freely!