



**FAMILY MATTERS:  
IT TAKES A GOOD HUSBAND**  
(Ephesians 5:25-33)

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*Every good husband has to be at least three things:*

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***REVIEW:***

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that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (Ephesians 5:26-27)

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In the same way husbands should **love their wives as their own bodies**. (Ephesians 5:28)

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Likewise, husbands, **live with your wives in an understanding way**, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, **so that your prayers may not be hindered**. (1 Peter 3:7)

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*II. A good husband is a **learner**.*

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**For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.  
(Ephesians. 5:25-33)**

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## Responsibility requires Authority

1. Husbands are to love their wives sacrificially... benefiting them with righteous actions regardless of reciprocation (v. 25).
2. They are to care for their wives as their own bodies (v. 28).
3. They are to live with them in an understanding way, providing for their well-being, spiritually and physically (vv. 27 and 29).

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4. This is a great responsibility like Christ and His Church. (vv. 29-30)
5. A man sets the example by leaving all other relationships behind and dedicating his life, after Christ to his wife in marriage. (v. 31)
6. And a man is to love his wife---and the wife is to see to it that she respects her husband. (v. 33)

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For **the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church**, his body, and is himself its Savior.  
(Ephesians 5:23 ESV)

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I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. **He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.** I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me (John 10:11-14)

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Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. (Genesis 2:24)

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**He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, for if someone does not know how to manage his own household, how will he care for God's church? (1 Timothy 3:4-5)**

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## APPLICATION:

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### Resources:

- Christian Husband, by Bob Lepine
- The Complete Husband, by Lou Priolo
- The Exemplary Husband, by Stuart Scott

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### Resources:

- Reforming Marriage, by Doug Wilson
- How to Act Right When Your Spouse Acts Wrong, by Leslie Vernick
- 50 Questions to Ask Your Wife, (Lobby)
- January 2018 Electives in ABF's (Registration in December)



**Next Time: "It Takes a Good Wife."**

**(Read Ephesians 5:1-6:10)**



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