

Therefore, Husbands, Love Your Wives

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²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of his body. ³¹ “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Fact: Most of the _____ in the world belongs to _____ who have three options:

1. _____ power by actively serving and protecting _____.
2. _____ power by passively disengaging from _____ and _____.
3. _____ power by humbly serving and protecting _____.

So what is God, through Paul, saying to husbands who love Jesus?

1. Your role model is _____ (25a).
2. Your wife is more willing to _____ herself to you when you _____ yourself for her (25b).
3. Your _____ in marriage is to _____ your wife to glorify God by helping people know, love, obey, and exalt Jesus Christ (26–28).
4. Your _____ with _____ is more important than your career, hobbies, and any other human relationship (29–31).
5. Your conduct as a husband communicates _____ to the world about _____ (32–33).