

**Therefore, Husbands, Love Your Wives**

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