

## TEN Qualities of the Control

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### **OBSESSIVE**

- ~ Overly focused on "one thing"
- ~ They lose sight of larger & more important issues
- ~ Drive people crazy with their insistence

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### **INVASIVE**

- ~ They understand information is power
- ~ Always collecting information in order to control or manipulate
- ~ "Nosey"

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### **TENACIOUS**

- ~ Stubbornly stick to traditions / opinions
- ~ Unrelentingly refuse to be wrong
- ~ Compromise is resisted

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### **OBNOXIOUS**

- ~ From the Latin, "noxius" = hurtful
- ~ Their pushy ways repel others; relationship killers
- ~ They diminish others with their strong opinions

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### **PERFECTIONISTIC**

- ~ The efforts of others are never good enough
- ~ They attempt to control other's imperfections & demand we live by their values

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### **CRITICAL**

- ~ They use criticism to get their own way
- ~ They believe they can modify another's behavior if they point out mistakes (& the more painful works better)

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### **CLOSE-MINDED**

- ~ Their mind is made up without the need to hear others opinions / no discussion necessary
- ~ They feel no need to build community with others / easy for them to break up

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### **RIGID**

- ~ There is a "right" way to do everything (& it is their way)
- ~ They won't budge from a regimen to accommodate others; Inflexible

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### **DEMANDING**

- ~ They are forceful personalities who coerce & insist
- ~ This is often done in a belittling manner

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### **IRRITABLE**

- ~ By being cranky, touchy & testy they make people afraid to contradict them ("eggshells")
- ~ Tantrums & sulking get results

# Ephesians

## Relationship Observations from This Passage

- “VOLUNTARY SACRIFICE” is the overriding theme. These principles “work” only when they freely come from within each person. They must never be forced or manipulated from the outside. Selfishness, manipulation and coercion are great enemies of any marriage.
- These principles do not work if they are carried out by only one spouse. BOTH spouses must buy in.
- The moment one asks, “When is it my turn?” or “When do I get to win?” it indicates these principles are being VIOLATED.
- The highest purpose for marriage is NOT “for ME to get MY needs met.” It is intended that husbands and wives “BE LIKE JESUS” and “die to themselves” in order to bless the other.

## General Principle

21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

## Relationship Principles for Wives

22 Wives, **submit to your husbands as to the Lord.**

23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also **wives should submit** to their husbands in everything.

## Relationship Principles for Husbands

25 Husbands, **love** your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

26 to **make her holy**, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

27 and to **present her** to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives **as their own bodies**. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he **feeds and cares for** it, just as Christ does the church—

30 for we are members of his body.

31 “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.”

32 This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church.

33 However, each one of you also must **love** his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must **respect** her husband.