



"A Blueprint for a Husband's Love"

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I. A Love That Is _____

Ephesians 5:25 "Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her"

II. A Love That Is _____

Ephesians 5:26-27 "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."

A. The Foundation of the _____

Ephesians 5:26 "that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word"

Ephesians 6:17b "and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God"

1. Bathed by the Word – _____ Together

John 15:3 "Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you."

2. Built by the Word – _____ Together

3. Blessed by the Word – _____ Together

Psalms 1:2-3 "but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers."

B. The Crown of _____

Ephesians 5:27 "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."

1. Honor Through _____

2. Honor Through _____

Proverbs 31:28 "Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her"

Ephesians 4:29 "Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear."

C. The Embrace of _____

Ephesians 5:28-30 "In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 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."

Leviticus 19:18b "but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord."

1. Love That Provides and _____

Ephesians 5:29a "For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes"

2. Love That Treasures and _____

Ephesians 5:29b "and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church"

D. The Priority of _____

Ephesians 5:31-32 "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."

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

1. A Priority Above All _____

Ephesians 5:31a "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife"

2. A Priority of Lasting _____

Ephesians 5:31b "and hold fast to his wife"

3. A Priority of _____

Ephesians 5:31c-32 "and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church."

Ephesians 5:33 "However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."



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BACKGROUND:

God designed the family. He knows what's best for it. He desires that we should love, lead, submit to, and serve one another as Christ does with the church. Husbands have a significant role in God's design for the family. Today we will look at some of the standards, goals, and responsibilities that God entrusts to this role. Some families lack a husband or a father. Fortunately, by God's grace, many of these godly principles can translate to whomever the spiritual leader happens to be.

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Ephesians 5:25-33

1. We see that Paul instructs husbands to love their wives in three ways: as Christ loved the church (vs25), as their own body (vs28), and as themselves (vs33).

- In what ways can a husband love his wife the way Jesus loved the church?
- How do we love one another as Jesus loves us (*John 13:34*)?
- What does Paul mean by "He who loves his wife loves himself" (vs28)? How is it like "Love your neighbor as yourself" (*Mark 12:31*)?

2. A husband should sanctify his wife (vs 26). One of the goals for husbands is to nourish and cherish the spiritual relationship with their wife (vs29).

- What should motivate a husband to help his wife to become more Christlike?
- How can a husband honor, regard with reverence, set apart, and make holy his relationship with his wife?
- How might this protect the relationship from threats outside of the marriage?

3. Paul reveals a mystery ... "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. (vs31-32)

- The idea of "oneness", being united in harmony, is important to God. Husband and wife are one. Jesus and the church are one. Jesus and the Father are one. Jesus prays for "oneness" (*John 17:22*). Just as a human body is a unified whole, so should a husband and wife be whole. How can a loving husband ensure unity in the marriage?

4. Verse 33 talks about love and respect. "Love and Respect – The Love She Most Desires, The Respect He Desperately Needs" is a book written by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs. He explores the relationship between these two forms of love within the marriage.

Read Colossians 3:18-19, 1 Peter 3:17 and Ephesians 5:33

- How can a husband showing his wife unconditional love and a wife responding with unconditional respect improve their relationship?
- How can a husband guide his family in showing their unconditional respect toward God?

TAKING IT HOME:

Ephesians 5 assumes a married couple, with the leader as the husband and the wife as a supporter. Unfortunately, not all households fit that model. Some are headed by a single parent, others by a grandparent or another family member. There are roles that God designed for the husband that others must take up and champion by necessity. Note: these roles are not restricted to only family. They can, and do, extend to other relationships such as friendships, discipling, mentoring, teaching, etc.

- Spiritual Leader – What is the role of the spiritual leader?
- Headship – What is the role of the person heading the household?
- Servant Leader – In what ways can you lead by serving?
- Provider – Aside from financially, what ways can you provide for the household?
- Protector – What does a home need protection from?
- Imitator of Christ – How do you imitate Christ in their day-to-day life?