

## Some Assembly Required Is It Still Good To You?

### TALK IT OVER

**Pastor Dre's Main Idea:** An ideal marriage's foundation is not found entirely in a couple's romanticism, but in their commitment to live a holy life according to God's will.

**Pastor Shawn's Application Point:**  
A husband and wife help each other stay on beat.

**Pastor Dre's Application Point:**  
Husbands recognize the value of a good wife.

#### Key Scriptures:

*21 and be subject (submit) to one another in the fear of Christ. 22 Wives, be subject (submit) to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. 28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband. Ephesians 5:21–33*

*Read ...1 Peter 3:1–6*

#### Key Points:

1. HE ACTS AS A STEWARD.
2. HE ACTS AS A MANAGER.
3. HE ACTS AS A CULTIVATOR.

**Reflection Question:** What is the one thing that stood out from this week's message?

#### Start Talking.

- What are potential obstacles to sacrificing for another person? (See Ephesian 5:1-20)
- How did Christ love the church?

#### Start Thinking.

- Why does submission have such a negative connotation?
- Why do you think Paul starts off addressing the wife in this text?
- Should someone follow the lead of a person who is headed in the wrong direction?

#### Start Sharing.

- How can a wife help her husband stay on track with God's will?
- How do husbands give themselves up for their wives?

#### Start Doing.

- How can men show their wives how much they love them?
- How can we be praying for each other as we seek to understand the work required for marriage?

#### Start Praying.

Change me, Lord. Here is my heart. Cleanse me of impure motives. Reduce me to love. Let Your pure love be the driving force behind my words, my touch, and my tone of voice.