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Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. Eph. 5:21 ESV
Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. Eph. 5:21 MSG

Love One Another, **Serve** One Another and **Be At Peace** with One Another.

Living Sent at HOME: Wife and Husband

Wives Submitting to their husbands as to the Lord.
22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Husbands Submitting to the needs of their wives as Christ is the Savior of the Church.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Further Submitting Instructions:

*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. **Ephesians 5:21-33***

Ephesians 5:21-33 Personalized

(Reggie and Melody Norvell are celebrating their 22nd Anniversary, November 13)

Reggie and Melody, Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent toward one another. Melody, understand and support Reggie in ways that show your support for Christ. Reggie, you are to provide leadership to Melody, the way Christ does to his

church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So, just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, Melody, you should likewise submit to Reggie. Reggie, go all out in your love for Melody, exactly as Christ did for the church - a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how you Reggie ought to love Melody. You're really doing yourself a favor - since you are becoming "one" in marriage. What is clearest to me is the way Christ treats the church. And this provides a good picture of how you Reggie are to treat Melody, loving yourself in loving her, and how you Melody are to honor Reggie.

Paraphrase by Dr. James M. Stewart from The Message - Eugene H. Peterson

Life Application Questions

1. What does submitting mean?
2. What did Paul mean in Ephesians 5 about wives submitting to their husbands?
3. What did he mean about submitting to one another?
4. What are some of the greatest challenges facing husbands and wives today?
5. How can the verses and the truth in Ephesians 5:21-33 help make marriages stronger today?
6. Do you know someone who needs encouragement in their marriage? What can you do to encourage them?
7. Pray for your marriage and for the marriages of those you know to be God honoring and mutually fulfilling.