

## **Sermon Notes 02/01/26 – *Ephesians 5:28-30***

When it comes down to it a successful marriage must stand on and be based on the Word of God!

Agape - God's love - puts marriage on the highest plane - God's love for us!

Men, the Lord says - I want the love that you have for your wife to reflect the love I have for you - love that led Jesus to willingly go to the cross for us.

4 ways that love is seen:

1. Love that makes my wife my priority.
2. Love that inspires me to serve my wife.
3. Love that makes me want to relieve her burden.
4. Love that loves unconditionally.

The Lord switches the analogy. (*Ephesians 5:28-30*)  
(the oneness of Christ and His church with the husband and the wife.)

Just like the church is the body of Christ - and He cares for us too, you need to love and care for your wife like your own body.

\*No one hates his own flesh! Our problem is we love ourselves too much!

First way that a husband can build up and protect his wife is by seeking to take care of her physically.

Second way for a husband to nourish and cherish his wife emotionally.

Third way to nourish, build up, and protect our wives is to cover their flaws.

Fourth way to build up and protect our wives spiritually.

1. Pray
2. Attend Worship
3. Spend time in the Word

*1 Peter 3:7* - Need the Power of the Holy Spirit working in us to help us meet the needs of our wife!

**Weekly Memory Verse:**

*Ephesians 5:25 – Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her.*

Scripture Chapter Challenge: Read *Proverbs 24*