

God's Design for Marriage
Ephesians 5:22-33

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In the glovebox of your motor vehicle, there is an "Owner's Manual." It provides detailed instructions on how to properly operate and maintain your vehicle. If you carefully follow the directions in the manual, your car or truck is likely to function well and last for a long time.

Likewise, the Bible is like the owner's manual to life. In His Word, God gives instructions on how to live and prosper in many areas of life. One of these areas is related to marriage. God's instructions on marriage are in the context of His teaching about the Spirit-filled life (Eph. 5:18).

In our text, Paul addressed husbands and wives in the Ephesian Church and gave clear instructions about God's design for marriage.

Main Thought…

➔ A Spirit-filled person can have a _____ filled with love, joy, and peace.

1. **God's design for marriage is clearly _____ (v. 22-30)**.

   - Submission does not mean _____ (v. 22, 24).
   - Leadership does not mean _____ (v. 23, 25-30).

   Eph. 5:18, 21; Col. 3:18-19; 1 Pet. 3:1-7

2. **God's design for marriage is eternally _____ (v. 31)**.

   Gen. 2:24-25; Mt. 19:4-6

3. **God's design for marriage is visibly _____ (v. 32-33)**.

   Gal. 5:22-23; Eph. 1:7

Final Thoughts…

➔ Do you _____ to have a great marriage?

➔ By God's grace, are you _____ to do your part?