

“THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

A FATHER CAN DO”

EPHESIANS 5: 22-33

“²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. 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 5:22-33

What is the most important thing a Father can do for his children?

- “Love their _____” James Dobson

What does God have to say about marriage?

- Both men and women are created in the _____ of God. (Genesis 1:27)
- Men and women _____ equal dignity. (1 Peter 3:7)
- Men and women are equal and yet _____.
 - Be fruitful and _____. (Genesis 1:28)
 - It was not good for man to be _____. (Genesis 2:18, 23-24)

The current cultural response to God’s design of marriage:

- _____
- _____ to women
- Promotes male _____ and _____
- _____

Marriage is by God’s design. (Ephesians 5:22-31)

“Behold the beauty of God’s design for man, woman, and marriage. Two dignified people, both molded in the image of their Maker. Two diverse people, uniquely designed to complement each other. A male and female fashioned by God to form one flesh, a physical bond between two bodies where the deepest point of union is found at the greatest point of difference. A matrimony marked by unity in diversity, equality with variety, and personal satisfaction through shared consumption.” – David Platt

Marriage serves as a _____ of God’s love for us through Jesus.

- Husbands – “...love your wives as Christ loved the church.....” (Ephesians 5:25)
 - _____ everything

- Taking _____
- Setting aside your _____ and _____
- Wives – “.....wives should submit in everything to their husbands.” (Ephesians 5:24)
 - Different and distinct roles do _____ equate to superiority or domination.
 - God’s design for marriage is a portrait of Jesus’ love for His church. We do not submit to Jesus begrudgingly, but it is a rightful submission in light of His love for us.

Do we see our marriages as an _____ of the Gospel?

God’s design for marriage runs counter to many cultural norms developing in our society today

- Asserting _____ vs. sacrifice and servanthood
- Self-will vs. _____ to God’s will

Challenge:

What is the most important thing a Father can do for his children?
Love their Mothers.

Why is marriage, as designed by God, so important today?
Marriage as it was originally designed and intended brings glory to God by reflecting the Gospel.

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