

Husbands Love Your Wives Ephesians 5: 25-33 9/25/2022

How it all started:

Genesis 1: 26-27 "Then God said, 'Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' God created man in His image, in the image of God He created him (mankind); male and female He created them."

Genesis 2: 18 "Then the Lord God said, " It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Genesis 2:24 "For this reason (because of her nature) a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh."

Definition of marriage:

"A Christian marriage is a total commitment of a man and woman to the person of Christ and then to one another. It is a commitment in which there is no holding back of anything. A Christian marriage is similar to a solvent, a freeing up of a man and woman to be themselves and become all that God intends for them to become. Marriage is the refining process that God will use to have us develop into the man or woman he wants us to be."

Review: "Wives be subject to your husbands" Ephesians 5:22

These are roles of **functional** subordination and not **intrinsic** subordination

God- Christ-man-woman-children 1 Corinthians 11.

The Fall of man caused each person, male and female, to go blind in several areas. That sight can be restored if a man and woman come to really know Christ.

If a person is estranged from God they are automatically estranged from one another.

If you do not know and love God, you do not have a chance at loving another person properly, and in a healthy way. Otherwise, it will always be love with some kind of hook.

God's plan for marriage is mocked when a husband is passive and uninterested toward his wife and will not lead out in good things. God's plan is mocked when a husband dominates the wife by intimidation and threat, falsely assuming he is intrinsically superior to his wife, being arrogant in his position and having an authoritarian spirit.

God's plan is mocked when women try to dominate over their husband, accepting their husband primarily as a means toward satisfying her own ambition.

Usually exhibited when kids come along. The kids become first place to her and he is tolerated from that point forward. It sets a pattern for your kids that this behavior is normal. Think about it ; an 18+ years of learning by example of seeing and hearing you in the way you treat your wife or husband. It sticks with them! What will they consider "normal" when they pick a marriage partner?

TEXT: Ephesians 5: 25-33 READ

5:25 LOVE- agape- self-sacrificing, not EROS / not PHILO

The kind of love wives need comes in the form of daily habits of care!

QUESTION: She might have got a thrill with you giving her gifts when you were dating but why is she not thrilled when you do that now?

Songs reflect the death of natural, initial love. Where AGAPE love never entered in.

Eagles- "You see it your way and I see it mine , but we both see it drifting away."

B.B. King- " The thrill is gone"

Hank Williams- "Why don't you love me like you used to do; why do you treat me like a wore out shoe?"

Steve Winwood- (Winning) "I thought it was love, but it must have been lust."

HUSBAND- From two Norse words/ HUS- house BOND- occupier and tiller of the soil

What is HUSBANDRY? Since the 14th century- To care for and develop plants or animals.

Literally it means- "to manage carefully"

In marriage- "Someone who nurtures and helps a wife become all she was intended to be."

To do that you need to become a student of her needs.

Many husbands stave their wives of their top needs!

WOMEN'S TOP NEEDS: Marriage Insurance-(William Harley- Marriage Builders) Page 63-65
READ

- 1. Affection**
- 2. Conversation**
- 3. Honesty and openness**
- 4. Financial support**
- 5. Family commitment**

No way you can say you are close to God and then fail to try to be a real husband.

5: 25-33 The closest picture we have on earth of revealing Christ' love for the church; the body of Christ.

- 1. Commit to learn all you can to meet her true needs; (not her whimpering wants.)**
- 2. Surrender to God fresh and new. Romans 12:1-2. Realize He is doing more than saving individual souls. You can't put your relationship to God in your own little compartment divorced from relationships to others.**
- 3. Really believe in the power of God. I Corinthians 4: 20. "For the kingdom of God does not consist in words but in power."**