

A Husband's #1 Responsibility and How to Fulfill It!

It's Time to Man Up

Lesson 3

Defining Masculinity

Masculinity is the courage to "man up" and be the man God created you to be and Christ saves you to become!

A Husband's #1 Responsibility ~ Ephesians 5:22-33

Show the world how Christ is a loving leader to His Bride, the Church, by fulfilling your spiritual responsibility to be a servant leader who sacrificially loves your wife.

Be a loving leader to your wife like the Lord Jesus is to His Bride, the Church!



How to Fulfill a Husband's #1 Responsibility

1. Man Up and Be a SERVANT LEADER to Your Wife. Ephesians 5:22-24

► EQUALITY

- 1) Equality as human beings ~ Genesis 1:16-18; 1 Corinthians 11:11
- 2) Equality as Christ followers ~ Galatians 3:26-28; 1 Peter 3:7

► AUTHORITY

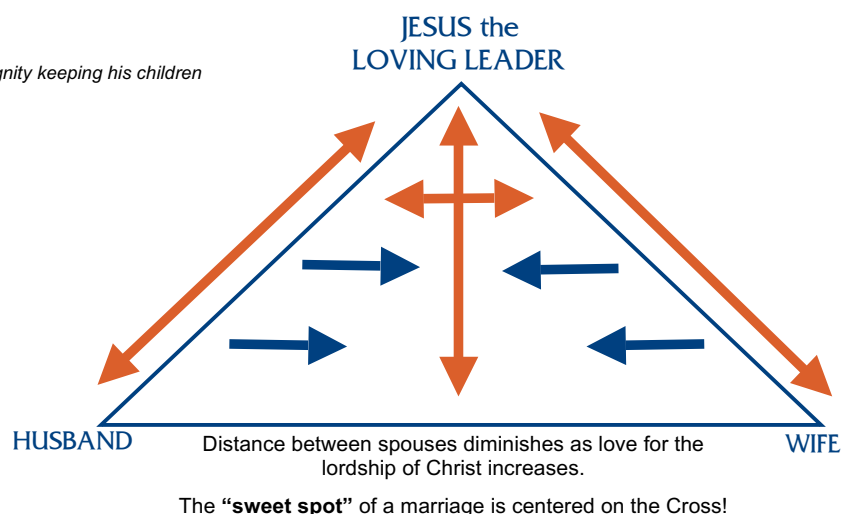
*"A leader is one who **knows** the way, **goes** the way, and **shows** the way." ~John Maxwell*

► RESPONSIBILITY

He must manage his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, 1 Timothy 3:4

► INTIMACY

Maintain & Maximize the Marriage Triangle



2. Man Up and Be a SACRIFICIAL LOVER of Your Wife. *Ephesians 5:25-33*

➤ UNCONDITIONAL Love

25 Husbands, love your wives...

➤ UNSELFISH Love

25 ...(just) as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her,

➤ UNDEFINED Love

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.

Two Sides to Undefined Love

- 1) Seek to lovingly lead our wives **AWAY FROM** whatever is **impure**, whatever is **ungodly**, whatever leads to the lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life!
- 2) Seek to lovingly lead our wives **CLOSER TO** whatever is godly, whatever is biblical, whatever leads to loving the Lord, His people, and the lost more.

➤ UNDERSTANDING Love

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.

➤ UNRIVALED Love

31 "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

➤ UNCOMMON Love

32 This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

3. Man Up and Show the World How Christ Is a Loving Leader to His Bride, the Church, EVEN IF Your Wife Doesn't Always Respect You or Submit Herself to Your Leadership. *Ephesians 5:33*

33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Husbands! Man Up and Fulfill Your #1 Responsibility to Your Wife!
Be a servant leader by sacrificially loving her like Christ loves His Bride, the Church!

This will require heart work • home work • hard work on your part!

