

KEY VERSES

Ephesians 5:33 ESV - ... *let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

1 Corinthians 11:3 ESV - *But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

Colossians 3:19 ESV - *Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.*

“HUSBAND” DEFINED

- The word “husband” is literally defined as “the band of the house;” the support of it; the person who keeps it together. The husband is the “house-band.”
- According to the Bible, the husband’s role in marriage is to be the Christ-like leader in the marriage.

Ephesians 5:23 ESV - *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.*

- Headship isn’t speaking about authority, it’s speaking about responsibility. The responsibility of the husband is to walk in his Christ-like calling to provide leadership, provision, and protection.

THE HUSBAND IS...

1. A leader that walks in Christ-like _____ and _____.

Ephesians 5:25 ESV - *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...*

- Christ-like leadership is _____ leadership.
- Christ-like leadership occurs best when a husband is willing to be the first to _____ for the sake of love.

NOTES

- Christ-like love is defined in 1 Corinthians 13:

- **This kind of love never _____ up.**
- This kind of love cares more about his wife's needs than his own.
- **This kind of love refuses to _____ what it doesn't have.**
- This kind of love doesn't strut around in pride.
- **This kind of love doesn't act like a _____ in the home.**
- This kind of love isn't always "me first."
- This kind of love doesn't fly off the handle.
- **This kind of love doesn't keep a _____ of its partner's sins.**
- This kind of love doesn't revel when others grovel.
- **This kind of love takes pleasure in living in _____.**
- This kind of love endures anything for the sake of Christ.
- **This kind of love will always _____ God.**
- This kind of love always looks for the best and never looks back.

2. A leader that delivers physical and spiritual _____.

- Physical Provision

Ephesians 5:28, 29 NIV - *In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. v.29 After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church...*

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3. A leader that provides physical and spiritual _____.

- **Husbands set the _____ for the family.**

Ephesians 6:10, 11 ESV - *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. v.11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.*

- We need valiant warriors like never before; strong men with biblical discernment and courage.
 - Prayer warriors who pray over the family everyday
 - Faithful warriors who are committed to winning their personal battles.
 - Faith-filled warriors who are delighted to trust God against all odds.
 - Humble warriors who recognize they need the help of their wives.

- Be very careful; you cannot _____ that your husband take leadership.
- If you become the demander, he will never become the leader.
- Instead of demanding...
 1. _____ earnestly for him that God would awaken his true manhood.
 2. Make your request with _____.
 3. Express _____ and _____ for any of the ways in which he is leading.

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We need to grow, as husbands, in the wisdom of God and be men of God who accept the role of headship in our marriages.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What impacted you most in this lesson about the role of the husband? Were any of these key concepts new to you?
2. How has your upbringing and the influence of your parents or family members affected your view of headship and the role of a husband? (Positively or negatively)
3. Choose one of the thirteen attributes of Christ's love from 1 Corinthians 13 that is a growth area for you. Discuss strategies for improvement!
4. Pastor Ron said headship in marriage is not a right or a privilege; it is a burden and a responsibility to follow Christ's extreme example of selfless love. How can a husband and wife partner together to cultivate this kind of loving leadership in the home?
5. Ladies, did anything stand out to you in the "A Word to Wives" section? Men, how can you use the information in this section to build a stronger relationship with your wife?