

"How a Marriage Works Best"

Ephesians 5:22-33

GOD is the author of the concepts of Authority and Submission, even in marriage and the home. Unfortunately, in many homes these liberating principles are misapplied and become abusive.

1. GOD commands a husband _____ his wife ... forever. **V.25** (_____ X's)
 - A. With time a husband's love for his wife should grow stronger each year, and not _____.
 - B. Genuine love is not emotions, but words and especially _____. 1 John 3:18
 - C. The number one measurement of a man's love for CHRIST, is how he _____.
2. A husband needs to _____ rather than being an autocrat, a dictator, or acting like he is the boss of the home. Scripture calls him the _____ – which means he is the first to show _____, the first to ask for forgiveness, the first to _____, the first to take _____, and the first to rebuild the _____ of relationship during conflict in the home. **V.25**
 - A. JESUS leads the Church in the _____. HE is the _____, the forgiver, and the _____. **V.23** Leading this way takes _____ and wisdom in a husband.
 - B. It is very _____ for a wife and children to follow this kind of man. **V.24**
3. The husband is to give _____ for his wife. **V.25**
 - A. By this he is showing _____ for his wife, meaning he is giving preference to her needs and desires before his own.
 - B. This causes a wife to _____, admire, love, and trust her husband ... more and more.
4. Husbands are to _____ their wives. **V.26** ("to make holy, _____, set apart")
 - A. This is not by forcing her to get a _____. But the husband realizes he has a grave responsibility for the future of his wife's life, by the way he cares for her and makes her _____. She is "separate" from (_____) all other people in his heart.
 - B. The way a husband loves GOD, should make his wife _____ to walk with GOD in a deeper and closer way. It is the drawing of _____.
 - C. The wife is _____ as valued like no one else in her husband's life. He treats her better than _____ on the face of the earth.
 - D. One day each husband will stand before GOD and give an account of how he has _____ by serving his wife. **V.27-28**

- E. Men, you do not have to do this _____, just keep moving forward, getting better at loving. Any wife will _____ the slightest growth.
- F. Brothers, every time we love our wives, we are demonstrating the _____ to others.

5. Husbands, learn to _____ your wives. **V.28-29**

- A. Men naturally spend a lot of time _____.
- B. Break that fleshly mold, by learning to think about meeting your wife's _____.

6. Men, learn to _____ your wives. **V.29-30**

- A. See them as your greatest earthly asset and _____. Treat them that way. No _____. No raised voices. Never touch them in anger or make them feel _____. No _____. No criticism. No _____.

Eph. 4:29

- B. Treat your wives as the absolutely _____ that you know, and she will become that person.

7. **I Peter 3:7** – Men:

- A. Live with your wives in an understanding way, (always be _____ with her) She doesn't have to _____ all the time. No one does.
- B. _____ her at all times, "as the weaker vessel," (look after her, defend her, don't be _____ and allow her to take the hit)
- C. Always give her _____, before yourselves, in the home, at your work, with everyone at all times.
- C. GOD sees all this so vital, that there is a _____ here to husbands that won't take care their wives.

