

**God's Call for Fathers**  
**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**I. God's Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 22-24)**

- a. A wife's submission to her husband...
  - i. ...is based on God's command
  - ii. ...is not absolute
  - iii. ...is between her and God
- b. A husband and wife's relationship is an image of Christ's relationship to His **church**
  - i. The focus is not His sovereignty but His service
  - ii. And Fathers are to follow His example of Servant Leadership (Phil. 2:3-5ff; cf. Rom. 8:28; 1 Cor. 11:3; Eph. 1:22-23; 4:15; Col. 1:18; Titus 2:4-5)

**II. God's Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 25)**

- a. Genuine **agape** love is unconditionally acting on another's behalf
- b. We should be willing to sacrificially DIE for our families
  - i. And we should be willing to sacrificially LIVE for our families

**III. God's Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 26-27)**

- a. Jesus continually works to **sanctify** His **church**, making us more **holy and blameless**
  - i. And Fathers should follow His example (cf. Titus 2:1-9; 3:5; Heb. 12:4-13)
  - ii. We should not only lead our families to Christ...
    - 1. We should also NOT introduce them to the Devil!

**IV. God's Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 28-33)**

- a. A husband and wife are literally made **one flesh**
  - i. Therefore, a man must strive to overcome the division of the Garden's Curse and not **rule over** his family, but instead follow God's divine order of authority and responsibility (cf. Gen. 3:16; 4:7)