

“God’s Plan Is Still Best”

February 4, 2024 * Ephesians 5:22-33

Both wife & husband have equal _____ within marriage

Genesis 2:24

A wife _____ to her husband, 5:22, 24

Greek word *hupotassō*

“to arrange or rank under. The main idea is that of relinquishing one’s rights to another person” (*John MacArthur, MNTC, Ephesians*)

Colossians 3:18, see 1 Peter 3:1

Both wife & husband mutually submit for benefit of the other

5:21, “submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ”

Hebrews 13:17 believers submit to spiritual leaders

1 Peter 2:13-15, Romans 13:1-7 citizens submit to governing authorities

Both wife & husband have unique responsibilities

A wife _____ her husband, 5:33

A husband is head of the wife, 5:23

“just as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior”

A husband _____ his wife, 5:25, 33

5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church . . .”

5:33, “However, let each one of you love his wife as himself”

A husband _____ for his wife

5:25 “. . . and gave himself up for her,”

A husband sets his wife above all

5:26 “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word”

A husband _____ his wife

5:27 “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.”

A husband _____ for his wife

5:28 “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.”

God’s intention - Marriage is _____

5:31 “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast [KJV cleave] to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.”

Marriage is a profound picture

5:32, “This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

Fill in the blanks: worth, submits, respects, loves, sacrifices, protects, provides, permanent