

## **“A BIBLICAL STANDARD FOR THE HUSBAND”**

### **EPHESIANS 5:23, 25-30**

What characterizes a godly husband? What traits or qualities will a godly woman be looking for in a man who will become her husband? Consider three dominate characteristics which scripture gives us for the godly husband.

#### **I. A godly husband is characterized by THE LIFE OF CHRIST.**

(5:1 “Be imitators of God, as beloved children.”)

- A. His life is **FOUNDED ON THE WORD OF GOD** (Colossians 3:16a)
- B. His life is **FIXED ON THE WISDOM OF GOD** (James 3:17)
- C. His life is **FOCUSED ON THE WILL OF GOD** (Colossians 1:9)
- D. His life is **FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT OF GOD** (Romans 8:5b)

#### **II. A godly husband is characterized by LEADERSHIP FROM CHRIST.**

(i.e. He is led by Christ and leads other through Christ)

- A. What headship is **NOT** (Ephesians 5:21; I Peter 3:7)
- B. What headship **IS** (Ephesians 5:23; Galatians 3:28)

#### **III. A godly husband is characterized by THE LOVE OF CHRIST.**

- A. The husband’s love is a **SACRIFICIAL LOVE** (Ephesians 5:25)
- B. The husband’s love is a **SANCTIFYING LOVE** (Ephesians 5:26)
- C. The husband’s love is a **SATISFYNG LOVE** (Ephesians 5:27-28)
- D. The husband’s love is a **SUSTAINING LOVE** (Ephesians 5:29)

As a Christian husband do you reflect the **LIFE, LEADERSHIP** and **LOVE** of Christ toward your wife? If not there’s no better time to start than now.