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Secrets to a Successful Marriage

Embrace the Marriage Roles
Part 2

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1. Worship the Same God
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3. Embrace the Marriage Role – pt.1: Wives: Willing submission
4. Embrace the Marriage Role – pt.2: Husbands: Loving leadership

Ephesians 5:25–33

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

28 So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body.

31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.

33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 4:1

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called,**

Ephesians 5:21

and **be subject to one another** in the fear of Christ.

- Wives to husbands (v.22)
- Children to parents (6:1)
- Slaves to masters (6:5)

- Wives are commanded to submit to their husbands (v.22)
 - Husbands are commanded to **love their wives** (v.25)
- Children are commanded to obey the parents (6:1)
 - Parents (particularly fathers) are commanded to **raise their children in the discipline and instruction of the Lord** (6:4)
- Slaves are commanded to obey their masters (v.5)
 - Masters are commanded to **give up threatening** (6:9)

The Husband's Role: Loving Leadership

1. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Commanded** 25a
2. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Illustrated** 25b-27
3. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Applied** 28-33

1. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Commanded** v. 25a

Eph 5:25: Husbands, **love your wives**

Colossians 3:19: Husbands, **love your wives** and do not be embittered against them.

Agape Love

- Agape love is an undeserved love
- Agape love is a sacrificial love

1 Corinthians 13:4–7: Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, 5 does not act unbecomingly; **it does not seek its own**, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, 6 does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; 7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

2. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Illustrated** v. 25b – 27

Eph 5:25b-27: Husbands, love your wives, **just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her**, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

Christ's Love

- Christ's love is an undeserved love

Romans 5:8–10: But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that **while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.** 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if **while we were enemies we were reconciled to God** through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

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- Christ's love is a sacrificial love

Ephesians 5:25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and **gave Himself up for her,**

Ephesians 5:1–2: Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, **just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us,** an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

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25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so **that He might sanctify her**, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 **that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory**, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but **that she would be holy and blameless.**

Three Purposes of Christ's Sacrifice

- A. **That He might sanctify her**, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word,
- B. **That He might present to Himself the church in all her glory**, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing;
- C. **That she would be holy and blameless.**
 - **Christ's sacrifice was for the church's good!**

3. Loving Leadership of the Husband **Applied** v. 28-33

Eph 5:28-33: So husbands ought also to **love their own wives as their own bodies**. He who loves his own wife loves himself; 29 **for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it**, just as Christ also does the church, 30 because we are members of His body. 31 FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND SHALL BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. 32 This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

Why include the phrase “as your own bodies”?

A. The example of Christ and the church.

Eph 5:29-30: for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, **just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.**

B. The one flesh relationship between husband and wife.

Eph 5:31: For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and **the two shall become one flesh.**

Marriage Roles Summarized

Eph 5:33: Nevertheless, **each individual** among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

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Application

1. **Singles:** Observe godly couples fulfilling biblical marriage roles.
2. **Husbands:** Be a loving leader.
3. **Wives:** Submit to your husband's loving leadership.

