

The Role of a Godly Husband

Ice Breaker: What can a husband do that screams, “I love you” to his wife? Personal examples are welcome.

Read: Read Ephesians 5:25-33 (**Pray**)

1. Paul mentions once in verse 23 that the husband is the “head of the wife” but he commands husbands three times to “love your wives” as Christ loved the church. Why the stress on loving?
2. In what way did Christ love the church (His people~~He willing laid down His life for their total benefit despite their worth and rejection of Him)?
3. What adjectives would you use to describe Christ’s love towards those he loved? (Examples: patient, unconditional, unending, volitional, self-sacrificing, enduring, unrelenting.)
4. According to verses 26 & 27, what should the husband be concerned about for his wife? (Answer: her spiritual well being; that she would live holy) How does a husband help this happen and is it his responsibility?
5. According to verses 28-30, how does Paul tell husbands to love their wives? (As the husband loves himself.) Why would he use this example?
6. According to verse 29, if a husband is to nourish and cherish his wife, what would this look like?
7. Paul uses Jesus Christ and His church as a beautiful example and picture of love and submission that should exist in a marriage for a husband and wife (vv. 31-33). Why is this?
8. Pastor Gary has stated each week in his Home Improvement series that, “Your relationship with one another will never supersede your relationship that you have with Jesus Christ.” Why is that? Have you experienced it to be true?

Living It Out:

- ❖ Take time to pray for your husbands to step up to love and lead their wives.
- ❖ Pray for God’s church to be built upon strong families that fulfill the roles that God has created for husbands and wives.
- ❖ Pray for struggling marriages.