

Keys to a Godly Marriage

Ephesians 5: 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. 24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Ephesians 5: 25 Husbands, love your wives,
as Christ loved the church and gave himself
up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her,
having cleansed her by the washing of water
with the word, 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.

Ephesians 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.

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

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

33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Ephesians 5: 20 ...giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, 21 **submitting to one another** out of reverence for Christ.

Marriage, Parenting, & Work
are metaphors for Christ's
relationship with the church.

As metaphors, they reflect
Christ's model
of denying self, taking up
cross, and following him.

Four practices for a Godly marriage:

(1). Practice mutual submission.

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Mutual submission
requires “deference”.

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(2). Leave and Cleave.

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(3). Love yourself.

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Ephesians 5: 28 For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. (NLT).

Matthew 7: 12 In everything, do to others
what you would have them do to you, for this
sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Four practices for a Godly marriage:

(4). Give your spouse the one thing they desire most.

What husbands want most
from their wives:

RESPECT

Ephesians 5: 22 Wives, submit yourselves to
your own husbands as you do to the Lord...
33 ...the wife **must respect** her husband.

What wives want most from
their husbands:

CHRIST-LIKE LOVE

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

Nothing was more important to
Christ than the church.

He invested in her, sacrificed
for her, and cherished
her...and she knew it!

When a wife doesn't feel loved
by her husband or a husband
respected by his wife,
Satan will always bring
someone into their life who
does.

The Kingdom needs the witness
of your marriage.

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