

# Husband and Wife



## *Ephesians 5 (ESV)*

*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. 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,*

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*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. 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.*

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*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.*



# Marriage

- Gift of God
- Picture of God's covenant love
- Covenant relationship – Not a contract
- Satan wants to tear apart marriages

# Marriage

- Abundant marriage
  - Jesus in the middle
  - Submission to one another
  - Friends
  - Sacrificial love



A painting of an ancient stone building with a person standing in an arched doorway. The scene is rendered in a dark, moody style with a strong yellowish-brown color cast. The building features several columns and a prominent archway on the right. A person is visible standing within the archway. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

# **Submit To One Another**

**Submit to one another out of  
reverence for Christ.**

**(Ephesians 5:21)**



## Submit to One Another

- Not
  - Inferiority
  - Suppression
  - Husband's will versus God's will
- Is
  - Act of obedience to Jesus
  - Free & voluntary

## Submit to One Another

- Submission is not submission until I disagree
- Requires
  - Grace
  - Forgiveness
  - Strength
  - Encouragement
  - Respect
- Leads to a flourishing household

A black and white photograph of a woman with short dark hair, wearing a white lace dress, singing joyfully into a vintage microphone. She is positioned in profile, facing left. The background features a large, solid gold circle behind her head. Below her and around the text are several vinyl records, some partially overlapping. A thin, jagged red line, resembling a soundwave or a decorative border, runs horizontally across the middle of the image, passing behind the woman and the text.

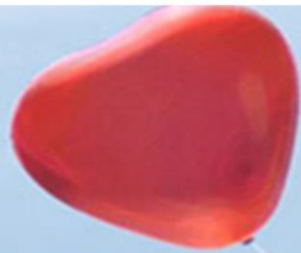
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# Respect

- Demonstrates love
- Is not a feeling
- Reflects trust in God & spouse



# Qualities of a Godly Husband



A woman should seek a man who is wise, thus Book of Proverbs gives us the characteristics of wise men.

1. A wise husband is kind and compassionate (12:10).
2. A wise husband is honest (29:24).
3. A wise husband is hard-working (12:11; 27:23-27).
4. A wise husband is truthful (12:17,19).
5. A wise husband exercises self-control (12:15; 16:32).
6. A wise husband has a gentle tongue (12:18; 15:1-2,4).
7. A wise husband is generous (14:21; 28:27).
8. A wise husband is willing to be corrected (even by his wife) and listens to counsel (12:15; 15:12,31-32; 28:13; 29:1).
9. A wise husband is a man of integrity (19:1; 20:7).
10. A wise husband is faithful and reliable (17:17; 29:3; contrast 25:19; 31:3).
11. A wise husband is forgiving (19:11).
12. A wise husband is willing to admit he is wrong (28:13).
13. A wise husband is humble (15:25,33; 16:18-19; 18:12; 29:23).
14. A wise husband is not contentious, but a peacemaker (17:1; 18:1,19).
15. A wise husband has control of his temper (14:29; 16:32; 17:27; 29:11).
16. A wise husband is a man who avoids excesses (20:1; 23:20-21, 29-35; 31:3-9).
17. A wise husband has a concern for others, especially the poor and the oppressed (29:7).
18. A wise husband can keep a confidence (17:9; 26:20).
19. A wise husband fears God and is obedient to His Word (13:13; 14:26; 16:20; 28:25; 31:30).
20. A wise husband is not a jealous man (27:4).
21. A The wise husband has a positive outlook on life (15:15; 17:22; 18:14).





## Husbands

- Loves wife as Christ loves the Church – 1 Corinthians 13
- Head of the house
- Pursues wife
- Humble provision
- Treasures wife – Help wife blossom
- Die to self
- Knows wife

# Husbands

- Protects
- Leads
  - Apologize
  - Repent
  - Pray

## Discussion Questions

- What is your favorite memory of your early married life?
- How would you rate your relationship with your wife today?
- What is your prayer for your wife today?
- What is your best & worst quality as a husband?
- What are some of the practical ways you can help your wife feel loved & respected?
- How are you helping your wife be the best version of herself?

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