

Ephesians 5:22-33

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God' Plan for Husbands – Ephesians 5:23-33

- Verse 23 – Husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the Head of the church.
– 'Head' is the one who has rule or authority.
– Notice the comparison between husbands and wives and Christ and the church. The question is: How does Christ rule or have authority over the church?
- Verse 25 – Husbands love your wives as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for it
– Responsibilities of husbands to LOVE his wife:
1. Agape – An act of will/decision/responsibility.
2. Man is commanded in this text three times to love his wife.
a. As Christ loved the church (Vs. 28).
b. As his own body (Vs. 31).
c. As you love yourself (Vs. 33).
– Decide to do things that make you lovable.
– Give your life to making your wife feel loved (give your life to loving).
- Verse 31 – Cleave to his wife – leave father and mother.

Two key words: **RESPONSIBILITY** and **LOVE**.

God's Plan for Wives – Ephesians 5:22-33

- Verses 22 – Be subject to your husband as to the Lord.
– Standard: How does one submit to God?
- Verse 24: – Be subject to your husband as the church is to Christ.
1. In everything – always subject yourselves.
2. One must always be subject to Christ.
– Standard: How does the church submit to Christ?

- Verse 33: – Wives must respect their husbands.
1. This is demonstrated by her life.
 2. Marriage demands respect no matter if he is deserving of it.

Two key words: **SUBMISSION** and **RESPECT**.

Headship

Is not:

- 1) Superiority/Lordship/Boss in all things.
- 2) Forced by and through greater strength.

Is:

- 1) A position of RESPONSIBILITY given by Christ.
- 2) Tempered, measured, exercised by love.
- 3) Being the head as Christ is the Head.
- 4) Key: How does Christ love the church?

Subjection

Is not:

- 1) Inferiority.
- 2) Domination; lordship over the wife.
- 3) Force by and through greater strength.

Is:

- 1) “As unto the Lord” – a valid way in which a wife can and should serve the Lord.
- 2) Voluntary – “Subject yourselves.”
- 3) “As the church submits to Christ.”
- 4) Key: How does the church submit to Christ?