

Ephesians Series

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The Husband's Mandate: Love as Christ

Ephesians 5:25



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

Gen. 3:15, The Aspect of the Judgment of Sin for Both the Woman and the Man

General trend of women

Gen. 3:16, “... your desire shall be to control your husband,”

Women trend toward wanting to be the leader

Solution: Submit to the leadership of the husband



General trend of men

“But he shall domineeringly rule over you.” [~RD]

Men trend toward being autocratic, as well as abdicating responsibility

Solution: Love your wife as Christ loved the Church

Both reflect the core arrogant, “me first,” orientation of the sin nature.

The central issue: authority. The authority of God vs. the authority of the creature.

God: If you eat the fruit you will certainly die.

Satan: If you eat the fruit you won't die; you will be like God, like the Creator Himself.

Eph. 5:22, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

Eph. 5:23, “For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.”

1 Pet. 3:1, “Wives, in a similar way, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word [i.e., the gospel], they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, [RD]

1 Pet. 3:2, “when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear.” [NKJV]

1 Pet. 3:7, “Husbands, likewise, by dwelling with them according to the standard of knowledge of God’s Word, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”

**κατά *kata* Preposition
(+acc) (+acc) according to
a standard; here the
standard is a knowledge
of biblical teaching**

**γνῶσις *gnōsis*
fem sing acc knowledge**

**συνοικέω *sunoikeō*
pres act part masc
plur nom
to live with
participle of means
“by living with
them”**

Conclusion

The question then is: just how does this work?

The Doctrine of the Dance



10. The woman must learn to communicate to the man without challenging his tender male ego.

11. The woman must learn to let the man lead and to make mistakes he can learn from.

12. The woman is unaware of where the man is going and of his plans. She must constantly be ready to respond and shift according to his lead. This means she must develop incredible amounts of flexibility.

13. The woman must continue to follow as best she can, no matter how faulty his leadership. If the man is a failure in his leadership, she can still be a success in her role.

1 Cor. 10:31, “Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.”



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P16TcZrKQJU>



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Background: Reading or Studying the Bible

Three steps to increase our understanding of what God has revealed to us:

What is the Bible saying? (Observation)

What does the Bible mean? (Interpretation)

What does God intend for me to do? (Application)

1 Pet. 1:10, “Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you,

1 Pet. 1:11, “searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow.

1 Pet. 1:12, “To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things which angels desire to look into.”

2 Tim. 3:16, “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, [RD]

2 Tim. 3:17, “that the man of God may be fully qualified by being sufficiently equipped for every good work.” [RD]

Matt. 5:18, “For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one *yod* or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.”

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**The *yod* is
the smallest
letter in the
Hebrew
alphabet**

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**The
difference is
a tittle, a
stroke or part
of a letter.**

What is the Bible Saying? (Observation)

Understand:

- **What do the words mean?**
- **How are the words arranged? Questions, command, descriptions, statements, structure, grammar, connections, and allusions to other Scripture.**
- **Who are the people?**
- **Where are the locations?**
- **What is the action?**
- **When did or when will the action take place?**
- **Why is this being said?**

WHAT Does the Bible Mean? (Interpretation)

There is only one interpretation.

The meaning is determined by the Author (God the Holy Spirit) and the human author.

WHAT Does God Intend Me to do? (Application)

- **How does this compare or contrast with what I believe?**
- **How should it change or refine what I believe?**
- **Is this directed toward my attitudes, the content of my thoughts, the structure of my thoughts, my mental attitude or dispositions?**
- **How does this differ from my beliefs and opinions?**
- **How should this impact my way of expressing myself through the words I choose?**
- **What guidelines are there for my behavior?**
- **How does this impact how I spend my time, my money, my energy, my priorities.**

The Sermon or Bible Class

- 1. We must understand what the Bible is saying, and in some cases what it is not saying.**
- 2. This means we must be taught in relationship to the words of Scripture, the grammar as it pertains to the lesson or understanding what is said, geography, the people, the culture of that time, and the history.**
- 3. We must also understand the passage's relationship to similar passages because God doesn't say everything about a topic in every mention.**

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- 4. By this time God's expectations for us become clear, but illustrations and clarifications for how this impacts our attitudes, thoughts, our view of the world, our lives, our behavior, and how we relate to the people in our world.**

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Eph. 5:27, “that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Eph. 5:28, “So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

Eph. 5:29, “For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Eph. 5:30, “For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones.

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Initial Observations

- 1. Husbands are to love their wife as Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her.**
- 2. Husbands ought to love their own wives as their own body.**
- 3. Illustration: no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes, i.e., husbands are to nourish and cherish their wife as Christ does the Church.**
- 4. We need to understand the mystery of Christ and the church to improve our own expression of love for our wives.**
- 5. We are to love our own wife as we love our selves.**

Initial Observations

6. The husband's responsibilities are emphasized more than the wife's.

Responsibility of the wife:

Col. 3:18 9 words

1 Pet. 3:1–6 97 words

Eph. 5:22–24 40 words

The responsibility of the husband:

Col. 3:19 10 words

1 Pet. 3:7 25 words

**Eph. 5:25–33 116 words (125 in
the Majority Text and Textus
Receptus)**

Initial Observations

7. In describing the husband's responsibility, *love* is mentioned six times:

Husbands **love your wives**

as Christ **loved the Church**

husbands ought to **love their own wives**

he who **loves his wife**

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