

# Matters of ... Marriage

## Family Matters #4 - Pastor Stephen Combs - Aug 6, 2017 - Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV) <sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. <sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

### How to have a Christ-like marriage:

#### 1. Wives: \_\_\_\_\_ to your husbands.

Matthew 16:24 (ESV) Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

1 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.

1 Corinthians 11:11-12 (ESV) ... in the Lord woman is not independent of man nor man of woman; for as woman was made from man, so man is now born of woman. And all things are from God.

Colossians 3:18 (ESV) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.

Proverbs 31:10-12, 26 (ESV) An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life ... She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

#### 2. Husbands: \_\_\_\_\_ your wives.

John 10:18 (NLT) No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again.

### How to love my wife:

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Proverbs 5:18 (NLT) Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you. Rejoice in the wife of your youth.

Colossians 3:19 (NLT) Husbands, love your wives and never treat them harshly.

1 Peter 3:7 (ESV) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.