

Sermon Notes

How Christians Should Treat Their Spouses

Ephesians 5:22-33

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Singles, still listen closely

5:22-24 **Wives, submit to your husband, as you do to Christ.**

Equal value, different roles (Genesis 1:27, Galatians 3:28)

Submission – what is isn't, and what it is

Examples of biblical submission

- To fellow Christians (Ephesians 5:21)
- To church leaders (1 Peter 5:5, Hebrews 13:17)
- To bosses (Titus 2:9)
- To the government (Romans 13:1)

Submission is good for us, and is God's will for us.

(Romans 13:1b-2)

Wives, this reflects your submission to Christ.

Leadership, in God's ways, is not really about privilege, but sacrifice.

5:25-27 **Husbands, love your wife like Christ loves the church.**

Model yourself after Him by sacrificial actions.

Agape love – action, choice

Choose to love even the faulty.

Model yourself after Him by helping sanctify your wife.

Help her become a godly woman.

Caution: it shouldn't be your agenda.

5:28-31 **Husbands, take care for your wife as your own self**

What do I need to do better to take care of my wife the way I take care of myself?

What sacrifices might I need to make, what hard things might I need to do, to make my wife feel loved?

5:33 **Wives, respect your husband**

How can I respect my husband?

How might I need to let myself be influenced, lead, and taught by my husband?

Suggested memorization: **wives, verse 22; husbands, verse 25**

Application questions for 8/14/16 sermon
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The first portion of questions are about wives and the second portion are about husbands. Try to divide your time pretty evenly between the two portions.

Any singles in the group, try to participate in the discussion. Maybe try to think about your plans for the future (if you plan to get married) or giving counsel/accountability to married friends.

How do you understand submission?

Do you have issues with a wife's calling to submit to her husband, as it was explained in the sermon?
And were any issues you use to have resolved by the sermon?

Wives, what do you feel like you are doing well and what do you feel like you need to work on with regard to submitting to and respecting your husband? Also, if you talked to your husband about that already, please include what you find out.

How do you understand the husband's responsibilities to his wife?

What are, or might be, some of the hardest things about fulfilling these responsibilities?

Husbands, what do you feel like you are doing well and what do you feel like you need to work on with loving your wife sacrificially? Also, if you talked to your wife about that already, please include what you find out.

Husbands, what do you feel like you are doing well and what do you feel like you need to work on with regard to taking care of your wife as well as you take care of yourself? Also, if you talked to your wife about that already, please include what you find out.

Bonus:

Was there anything new or interesting you learned in this sermon?