

# A Godly Husband

## *Ephesians 5:25-33*

### I. Marriage - God Ordained Institution

*Genesis 2:18 “And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”*

*Genesis 2:21-24 “And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.”*

### II. Responsibilities Of A Godly Husband

#### A) Leave Father and Mother

*Matthew 19:5 “And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife...”*

- Must be mature, responsible

#### B) Cleave To His Wife

*Matthew 19:5-6 “And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”*

- Cleave – “glue, stick close, join”

#### C) Husband Is Head Of Wife

*Ephesians 5:23 “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.”*

- Head – “leader or ruling authority”

## D) Husband Love Your Wives

*Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives...”*

*Ephesians 5:28 “So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies.”*

*Ephesians 5:33 “...let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself...”*

- Commanded by God
- On the command of love Contending For The Faith commentary states, “The keeping of this command is not contingent on a wife’s being lovable or submissive but is contingent on the husband’s willingness to submit to Christ”
- Although there should be strong feelings towards one’s wife, love is a command and is something one does
- Example: Husband tells preachers, “I don’t love my wife anymore.” Preacher responded, “You better repent because you have committed a sin.”

### 1) A Sacrificial Love

*Ephesians 5:25 “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;”*

- Is my wife a better person because of me?
- Is my wife a better Christian because of me?
- Am I hindering my wife?
- If you are not doing everything within your power to allow your wife to become the woman God wants her to be you must ask yourself, “Do I love my wife?”

### 2) A Self Considering Love

*Ephesians 5:28-29 “So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:”*

*Ephesians 5:33 “Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband.”*

- Nourisheth – “to nourish up to maturity” Thayer
- Cherisheth – “to cherish with tender love, to foster with tender care” Thayer
- Men take care of own body – food, clothing, etc...
- Men make themselves happy – golf, fishing, outdoors, etc...
- How do you know if you are practicing self-considering love?
  - ✓ Checkbook
  - ✓ Planner
  - ✓ Speech
  - ✓ Prayers

E) Honor Your Wife

*I Peter 3:7 “Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.”*

- Knowledge – “objective knowledge: what is known concerning divine things and human duties” Thayer
- J.N.D. Kelly in his commentary remarks, “understanding, Here it means Christian insight and tact, a conscious sensitivity to God’s will.”
- McKnight’s commentary states, “From a like regard to the will of God, Christian husbands cohabit with your wives, performing your duties to them, according to the superior knowledge which your religion gives of these duties;...”

F) Provide For His Wife

*I Timothy 5:8 “But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.”*

G) Render Due Benevolence

*I Corinthians 7:1-4*

H) Be Not Bitter

*Colossians 3:19 “Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.”*

- Kittle’s describes this word, “to make bitter, to embitter, to become bitter. It speaks of friction caused by impatience and thoughtless nagging.”

I) Live Joyfully With

*Ecclesiastes 9:9 “Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity...”*

**Sermon Outline by: Brad Shockley**