

## “Husbands, Love Your Wives” Ephesians 5:33

In Ephesians 5:33, husbands and wives are instructed to fulfill their biblical roles. This week, we will look at the husband's responsibility and high calling to love (with the agape, divine form of love) his wife as Christ loves His Bride, the Church.

Ephesians 5:33 (NASB)

“Nevertheless, let each individual among you also love his wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.”

### General Marriage Principles

#### 1. Remember Purpose of Marriage

Our marriages are to visibly demonstrate Christ's love relationship with His Bride, the Church.

#### **The Prerequisite: “One Flesh Union” (Ephesians 5:31; Genesis 2:24)**

Covenant of Marriage- Vows

"I, **Brad**, take you **Susan**, to be my wife, and **I promise before God and these witnesses, to be your faithful husband**, to share with you in plenty and in want, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, to love and to care for you as Christ instructs me, so that together we may serve God and others, **as long as we both shall live. I give you this ring today as a tangible symbol of these promises.**"

“One spouse can kill a marriage, but it takes two to keep it one.”

2. We are selfish (fleshly/sinful)
3. We want our needs met first
4. We are different- by design
5. We can't do this on our own

The Context: “Be Filled with the Spirit” (Ephesians 5:18)

#### 6. Learn spouse's love language

**Five Love Languages** By Dr. Gary Chapman

- ✓ Gift Giving
- ✓ Acts of Service

- ✓ Quality Time
- ✓ Physical Touch
- ✓ Words of Encouragement

See: [www.fivelovelanguages.com](http://www.fivelovelanguages.com)

## 7. Move toward your spouse

### **Husbands: Unconditionally Love your Wives!** **A love that demonstrates...**

- Value (Prov. 31:10)

Proverbs 31:10

“An excellent wife, who can find? For her worth is far above jewels.”

- Submissiveness to Others (Eph. 5:18-21)
- Servant Leadership (Eph. 5:23; Jn. 13:5-15)
- Sacrificial Giving (Eph. 5:25)
- Tenderness & Care (Eph. 5:28-30; 1 Pet. 3:7)

1 Peter 3:7

“You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way...and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life...”

- Family Commitment (Eph. 6:4)
- Protection & Support (1 Tim. 5:8)
- Openness and Honesty (Ps. 32:2)
- Purity and Fidelity = TRUST (Heb. 13:4)

Next in Family Series: Wives, Respect Your Husbands - Ephesians 5:33

### **Applications**

Move toward your spouse!

- Even if you don't feel like it
- Sometimes as an act of obedience
- Gets easier (usually) more you do it
- God will bless your efforts

Ephesians 5:33 (The Message)

“And this provides a good picture of how each husband is to treat his wife, loving himself in loving her, and how each wife is to honor her husband.”