

FAMILY MATTERS

Designed for
Relationships



**In Christ, God takes
strangers and brings them
into His family.**



Relationship Status: Married



Ephesians 5:21-33

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.



Ephesians 5:21-33

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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.



Ephesians 5:21-33

In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.



Ephesians 5:21-33

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



Ephesians 4-5

**Vertical worship of God is
evidenced in horizontal
relationships with one another.**



Ephesians 5:1

Be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.



Matthew 22:36-40

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment.



Matthew 22:36-40

And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”



Ephesians 5:21

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reverence for Christ.*



**The Call of the Christian life
IS a call to submission!**



- Life of sacrifice (Romans 12:1)
- Consider others as more important than you (Phil. 2:2-3)
- Lead through serving others (Mark 10:42-45)
- Honor one another above yourselves (Romans 12:10)
- Obey the authority God has put over you (Romans 13:1-2)



**Biblical Submission is a
voluntary attitude, fueled by
our worship of God, resulting
in loving people like Christ
loved us.**



Ephesians 5:22

*Wives, submit to your own
husbands as to the Lord.*



Wives

- Do you have an attitude of honor toward your husband?
- Do you consider the stresses in his life and how you can help relieve his burden and calm his soul?



Wives

- Do you honor him by looking to him for leadership instead of competing with him for dominance?
- Do you consider the areas he feels insufficient and inadequate and speak words of life into him?



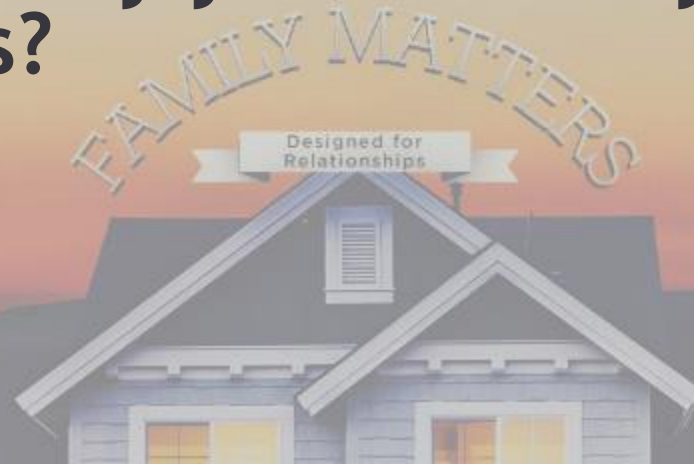
Ephesians 5:25

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Christ loved the church and gave
himself up for her.*



Husbands

- Do you sacrifice your time, energy and personal goals in order to invest in your marriage?
- Do you consider the emotional desires of your wife as more important than your sexual desires?
- Do you lay down your pride and be the first one to say you are sorry and ask for forgiveness?



If we are failing in our marriage and relationships with others we don't have a marriage and relationship problem, we have a worship problem.



Ephesians 5:31

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.



**God had a redemptive purpose
for marriage: to be a living
portrait of the relationship
between Christ and the
church.**

