

**God's Man –
A Husband Who Loves His Wife
Ephesians 5:25-33**

- I. The husband is to love his wife with a sacrificial love (5:25).
 - A. This is a decision (actually thousands of decisions). It is God's will that is to be fulfilled.
 - B. This love requires supernatural enablement. The kind of love involved is the fruit of the Spirit.
 - C. This love is to be generous. It is a life-long gift of grace. It is not dependent on his wife's response.
 - D. This love involves suffering and death. Marriage is a call to die. Marriage is a call to pain.
 - E. This love involves intercession. "Giving ourselves for our brides involves prayerful intercession."
- II. The husband is to love his wife with a sanctifying love (5:26, 27).
 - A. The husband is to carry out the love-work of cleansing his wife by the Word.
 1. The husband is married to a sinner.
 2. The husband must be a seeker of God.
 3. The husband is to be a man of the Word.

B. The husband, in exercising sanctifying love, will consecrate his wife to become what God wants her to be.

1. Do I provoke my wife to wrath and discourage her with my anger and critical spirit?
2. Do I show her affection and give her enough so as to minimize her vulnerability to the appeal of other men?
3. Do I give her the freedom to pursue her interests, to seek God, to study the Bible, to have friends?

C. The husband in exercising sanctifying love will complete her.

1. Completing love doesn't retaliate when my wife irritates me by leaving the gas tank on empty.
2. Completing love seeks to help her when someone has criticized her.
2. Completing love thinks about how my behavior will affect my wife.

III. The husband is to love his wife with a caring love (5:28-30).

A. Caring love seeks to understand one's wife.

- Her physical state
- Her thoughts, ideas, values, goals, likes, dislikes, and viewpoint
- Her emotional and social condition
- Her spiritual state

B. Caring love exercises leadership, provides, and protects.

1. The husband will provide for his wife.
2. The husband will protect his wife.

3. The husband will exercise spiritual leadership.

Conclusion – The loving husband’s resolve – 1 Cor. 16:13, 14

- I will resolve to be alert to the spiritual realities of this world.
- I will resolve not to allow the problems of life to diminish my love God and His Word.
- I will resolve by God’s grace to exercise courage in the face of all dangers.
- I will resolve to structure my life for biblical change.
- I will resolve to love to devote myself to love as Christ has loved me.

God calls me to live by the cross;
For Him I would gladly suffer loss.
He has given me a model by which to live;
To Him I will joyfully submit that I might give.
There is a treasure which He has bestowed;
She is my wife with whom I might grow.
And with my partner I will faithfully abide;
That I might discover the reason for which
He died.

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