

Family Matters

SEEING YOUR HOUSEHOLD

AS A GIFT FROM GOD

MARRIAGE ROLES

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Ephesians 5:15-17, 21-33

15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, **16** making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. **17** Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

21 Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. **23** 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. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, **26** that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, **27** 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. **28** In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

29 For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, **30** because we are members of his body. **31**

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” **32** This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. **33** However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.



COMMUNICATION

James 3:5-8

How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life,[a] and set on fire by hell.[b] 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

Matthew 12:34

For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

T

Ephesians 4:15

speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ

E

Hebrews 10:24-25

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

A

1 Corinthians 1:4

I give thanks to my God always for you

M

Ephesians 4:29

Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

SCRIPTURES TO PONDER

Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.

Proverbs 10:19

When words are many, transgression is not lacking, but whoever restrains his lips is prudent.

Proverbs 15:1

A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.

Proverbs 16:24

Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.

Communication

How do you handle disagreements in your home?

Why is it important to think about the role of the Spirit when discussing marriage and communication?

What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? How does this effect communication in marriage?

Jesus commands us to imitate Him in everything (Ephesians 5:1). How did Christ communicate to His bride, the church?

Roles

In what ways are showing love and respect a practice of mutual submission (v.21)?

How is a husband called to love his wife? What are some practical ways husbands can display love?

How has modern society misunderstood what it means for wives to submit? What does Christ's leadership in the church say about the husband's leadership in the home?



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