

Ephesians 5:22-33

A Successful Marriage

- > What command is given to wives in this passage, and what is the reason for it (vv. 22-24)? To submit to her husband, letting him lead, because the husband is responsible for the family.
- > What command is given to the husbands, and whose example are they to follow (vv. 25, 28-29)? To love their wife, following Christ's example, loving just as Christ loved the church.
- > What is Christ's goal in His relationship with the church (vv. 26-27)? That He might sanctify and cleanse her, being able to present her as a glorious church, holy and without blemishes.
- > How should spouses view each other according to verse 31? Two people (separated from parents) who are united together as one.

Application

Marriage is awesome, but for couples to experience how truly great it can be, they must take their roles seriously. Each person must selflessly make their spouse a priority.

- > Why is it important for spouses to fulfill the roles God has given them? It's the only way a marriage will work properly. A wife not loved, or husband unable to lead results in a bad marriage.
- > Why is it important for couples to leave the dependence they have on their parents? They must establish themselves as a married couple, dependent on God, not relying on "mom and dad."

The topic of marriage may or may not be on the forefront of your mind right now! Regardless, you can start today to prepare yourself to be a spouse that will one day honor God. Guys need to know what it means to love a wife as Christ loved the church, serving and sacrificing for her well-being. Ladies need to know how to show respect to a husband for his leadership role. When we do things God's way, He blesses!