

2 April 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group

"Filled in the Spirit at Home" (Part 2) -- Ephesians 5:22-33

1. What does Paul call upon wives to do in their relationship with their husbands (v. 22)?
2. What parallel does Paul use for the husband's headship (leadership) of his wife (v. 23)?
3. What is the Church's responsibility to Christ as its Head (v. 24)?
4. What does Paul command husbands to do in their relationship with their wives (v. 25a)?
5. How are husbands to love their wives (v. 25b)?
6. Why did Christ love the Church and give Himself up for her (v. 26)?
7. What is the result of Christ's love for His Church (v. 27)?
8. What additional aspect of the husband's love for his wife does Paul introduce? Why? (v. 28)?
9. What is the natural impulse that people have toward themselves (v. 29a)?
10. What does Christ do for His Church? Why? (vv. 29b-30)?
11. What did God command at creation for a man and a woman to do that illustrates the intimate union of a husband and wife (v. 31)?
12. What does the marriage union of a man and woman picture (v. 32)?
13. In summarizing, what are Paul's commands for a husband and for a wife, respectively (v. 33)?
14. What are some ways and at what crucial times can a husband demonstrate sacrificial love for his wife?
15. What are some ways and at what crucial times can a wife show honor and respect to her husband?
16. What should a husband or a wife do if they detect that they are becoming bitter toward one another?
17. What should a Christian wife do if her husband is disobedient to Christ? (See 1 Peter 3:1-6) Should she ever solicit the assistance of the Elders of the church? If so, when?
18. How can a husband disciple his wife?
19. Does a wife's submission mean that she will never disagree with her husband or speak against a particular decision or course of action he proposes or carries out? Does a husband's love and care for his wife mean that he will always acquiesce to his wife's every wish?
20. Realizing that marriage is a picture of Christ and His Church, if unmarried, how does this inform and motivate how you might enter marriage? If married, how does this guide your marriage?
21. In your estimation, what is one of the biggest challenges that marriages in this country face?

22. How concerned should Christians be about the state and condition of marriage in this country today?
23. What can you do to contribute to the strength and stability of marriage and to a godly husband-wife relationship? How can a Christian stand against the disintegration of marriage today?
24. If unmarried, should you prepare for marriage? Why or why not? If so, how?
25. If married, how can you strengthen your relationship with your spouse? What aspects of your relationship with your spouse are strong? What aspects are weak? What areas in your relationship need shoring up? What areas need immediate help?