

# sermon notes

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Feb 28, 2024 | "What is a Husband?" | Eph 5:25; Col 3:19; 1 Pet 3:7

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- 1) A husband loves his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 5:25)
- 2) A husband loves his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (Col 3:19)
- 3) A husband loves his wife \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Pet 3:7)

*Ten ways that a man can love his wife as Christ loves the church:*

1. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with her; don't be \_\_\_\_\_ towards her
2. \_\_\_\_\_ her; don't ever \_\_\_\_\_ her
3. \_\_\_\_\_ her publicly; don't ever \_\_\_\_\_ her down
4. \_\_\_\_\_ her; don't take her for \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_ her; don't be excessively \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_ her; don't let romantic love \_\_\_\_\_ altogether
7. \_\_\_\_\_ and support your family; don't \_\_\_\_\_ your duty as breadwinner
8. Give her a sense of \_\_\_\_\_ in the marriage; don't let there be even a hint of unfaithfulness
9. \_\_\_\_\_ her to pursue her interests so that she doesn't feel trapped
10. \_\_\_\_\_ her spiritually; don't be an \_\_\_\_\_ influence on her walk with God

Questions for further application of God's Word:

## GO DEEPER

How does our modern-day world define manhood and masculinity? Do you see examples today of "emasculated man" and "machismo man." How is masculinity and manhood presented in the Bible? What are husbands called to do (and not do) for their families?

Read Ephesians 5:25–30; Colossians 3:19; and 1 Peter 3:7. What explicit commands does the NT give to a husband? What does it mean, in Ephesians 5:25–30, for a husband to love his wife as his own body? How does he "nourish" and "cherish" her?

How is the Bible's approach to leadership different from the world's approach (see Matt 20:25–28)? How does Jesus exemplify servant-leadership for us? How is servant-leadership different from simply being a servant?

## GET PERSONAL

**WIVES:** In what ways do you desire to be led by your husband as a follower of Christ? What are some ways that you communicate your desires to your husband?

**HUSBANDS:** What are some things that your wife does that encourages you to lead in the home? What are some things that discourage you?

## PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Read the ten ways that a man can love his wife as Christ loves the church.

**HUSBANDS:** Pick one of these from the list that you would consider a "strength" of yours in your marriage. Pick one that you would consider a weakness. How can you improve on that weakness?

**WIVES:** Pick one or two from this list that is a really important way in which your husband can express his love for you. Discuss that with him.

**SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN:** How can singles love their future spouses in the present? Be specific. How is purity important? How is wise use of finances important? How is commitment to Christ important?

## ADVANCED QUESTION

What does Peter mean in 1 Peter 3:7 when he says that wives are the weaker vessel? What does he mean when he says that they are joint heirs in the grace of life? What are some ways that men differ from women and how does that impact their roles in marriage?