

A Husband's Responsibility

Ephesians 5:23; 25-29

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...the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart? (Hebrews 4:12)

...He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment (John 16:8)

Christian husbands are to emulate Christ, our servant leader.

And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22-23)

Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love. (Ephesians 4:15-16)

And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. (Colossians 1:18)

But I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. (1 Corinthians 11:3)

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
in pain you shall bring forth children.
Your desire shall be for your husband,
and he shall rule over you.” (Genesis 3:16)

You will want to control your husband... (NET)

I. Husbands are to love sacrificially and selflessly (agape love). (v. 25)

Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them. (Colossians 3:19)

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. (1 Peter 3:7)

Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous [envious], it does not brag, and it is not proud [arrogant; conceited; puffed up]. Love is not rude [disrespectful], is not selfish [self-serving], and does not get upset with others [is not easily provoked/angered]. Love does not count up [keep a record of] wrongs that have been done. Love takes no pleasure [does not rejoice] in evil [wrongdoing; injustice] but

rejoices over the truth. Love patiently accepts all things [bears all things;], always trusts [believes all things], always hopes [hopes all things], and always endures [endures all things]. Love never ends [fails; falls short]... (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 Expanded Version)

II. Husbands are to be concerned with the spiritual health of our wives and families. (v. 26-27)

III. Husbands are to supply the physical and emotional needs of our wives. (v. 28-30)

Gary Chapman: The Five Love Languages

- 1) ***Words of Affirmation***
- 2) ***Acts of Service***
- 3) ***Receiving Gifts***
- 4) ***Quality Time***
- 5) ***Physical Touch***

Love never gives up.
Love cares more for others than for self.
Love doesn't want what it doesn't have.
Love doesn't strut,
Doesn't have a swelled head,
Doesn't force itself on others,
Isn't always "me first,"
Doesn't fly off the handle,
Doesn't keep score of the sins of others,
Doesn't revel when others grovel,
Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,
Puts up with anything,
Trusts God always,
Always looks for the best,
Never looks back,
But keeps going to the end. (1 Corinthians 13:4-8 The Message)