

Husbands, Don't Try This Without the Holy Spirit!

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 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.¹ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband. – Ephesians 5:25-33

Husbands, be filled with the Holy Spirit, and love your wife as Jesus loves you.

What Does it Mean to Love Like Jesus Loves?

1. Sacrificial Love (v 25)

“Is there anyone to whom you entrust more serious matters than to your wife – and is there anyone to whom you talk less?” Xenophon’s teacher, Socrates

“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church... Now as the church submits to Christ, so also the wives should submit to their husbands in everything.” Ephesians 5:22-24

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“There is no honest Christian husband who can hear or read these words and not feel the punch.”¹

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” – Matthew 5:27-28

“Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.” – Ephesians 4:31

¹ R. Kent Hughes

2. Sanctifying Love (vv 26-27)

3. Self-Love (vv 28-33)



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What is this Mutual Submission, Respect and Love Displaying?

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