

Spirit Controlled Family

Part II, Role of Husband (Ephesians 5:25-30)

John 17:13

¹³ But now I come to You; and these things I speak in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

I John 4:9-10

⁹ By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son *to be* the propitiation for our sins.

Colossians 3:12-14

¹² So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; ¹³ bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. ¹⁴ Beyond all these things *put on* love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

1 Peter 4:8

⁸ Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

I Corinthians 13:1-3

13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² If I have *the gift of* prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ And if I give all my possessions to feed *the poor*, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

How Do I Love My Wife
God's Way?

SACRIFICIALLY

Loving My Wife Sacrificially Requires:

- 1) God's Grace
- 2) Death
- 3) Servant Life

Acts 20:35

³⁵ In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Mark 10:45

⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

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- 1) God's Grace
- 2) Death
- 3) Servant Life
- 4) Knowledge of Her

1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

“Men, marriage is a call to die. Dying to self may involve sacrificing your schedule and even your good ambitions. It means giving yourself away for the good of your bride. It involves crucifying your flesh and resolving to be faithful to your bride, not yielding to the temptations of the lust, anger, and pride. Marriage is a call to serve. Christlike love takes initiative. Avoid being a passive husband. Actively love your wife. Christlike love involves not just service but also an appropriate Christlike attitude in serving.

- Exposition Commentary

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸ “Come now, and let us reason together,”
Says the LORD,
“Though your sins are as scarlet,
They will be as white as snow;
Though they are red like crimson,
They will be like wool.

Isaiah 43:25

²⁵ “I, even I, am the one who
wipes out your transgressions for
My own sake,
And I will not remember your sins.

I Corinthians 6:11

¹¹ Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

Titus 3:5

⁵ He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit,

“In ancient Greece, a bride-to-be would be taken down to a river to be bathed and ceremonially cleansed from every defilement of her past life. Whatever her life had been before, it was now symbolically purified and she would enter the marriage without any moral or social blemish – the past was washed away.”

- Moody Series

I Peter 1:15

¹⁵ but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all *your* behavior;