

# FAMILY

## The Way For a Husband Ephesians 5:25-33

Ephesians 5:25-33 demonstrates a husband's relationship to his wife by highlighting two fundamental elements of Christ's relationship to His Church.

- (1) **Christ used His authority and power to rescue and \_\_\_\_\_ the Church.**  
(5:25-27)

**Note:** Leadership is not the art of expecting from others, but rather the art of equipping them to achieve expectations. Expecting requires nothing, but equipping can require everything. Therefore, if a husband wants a wife who will love, cherish and submit to him, then he needs to live in a manner that equips his wife to want to do it! Christ's grace leads us to \_\_\_\_\_ to love and serve Him!

- (2) **Christ treats the church the way He does because He sees His Church and Himself as \_\_\_\_\_.** (5:28-33)

**Note:** The attitude, action, priority, emotional attachment, etc. you give to your wife is entirely dependent on how you view her. Because Christ sees the Church as one with Him, He died for her and lifted her from death to eternal life. He placed the church, who was unworthy of His presence, in His presence as His bride! Therefore a husband is not loving His wife as Christ loves the Church until he views her as being \_\_\_\_\_.

### Challenge:

- (1) **How is your life \_\_\_\_\_ your wife? How is your love for her stirring her to:**
- A. Love Jesus more.
  - B. Grow in confidence as a person.
  - C. Experience life and love.
  - D. Prosper as the person God uniquely made her to be.
  - E. Live in submission to Christ and thus produce the fruit Spirit.
  - F. Growing in Biblical femininity.
  - G. Glory and fulfillment or defeat and emptiness.

(2) What do your actions say about how you \_\_\_\_\_ your wife?

- A. Is your wife a sex object?
- B. Is your wife a support system to help you achieve your goals?
- C. Is your wife a relational convenience?
- D. Is your wife an emotional crutch?
- E. Is your wife YOU! Are you ONE with your wife?