



Walk in Marital Submission Ephesians 5:22-33

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is Himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ 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. ²⁸ In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves His wife loves Himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because we are members of His body. ³¹ "Therefore a man shall leave His father and mother and hold fast to His wife, and the two shall become one flesh." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as Himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Sometimes people—even God’s people—enter marriage with very selfish reasons in mind.

In the kingdom of Christ, God wants marriage filled with the Spirit of Christ and fueled by the selfless love of Christ.

What does filled with the Spirit of Christ look like?

What does fueled by the selfless love of Christ look like?

Submission

Headship

But what if my spouse isn't a believer?

Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the Word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives, when they see your respectful and pure conduct. (1 Peter 3:1-2 ESV)

Husbands: what do I need to do to love my wife in a Christ-like way so that she becomes more and more like Him?

Wives: What do I need to do to affirm my husband's leadership?

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- Led by: Kevin & Katie Flint
- Cost for materials: \$135 per couple
- Class size is limited to 12 couples
- Childcare is available for a small fee.
- Sign-up by calling the church office, 217.359.2122

And He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who for their sake died and was raised. (II Corinthians 5:15 ESV)

Suggested Reading

Relationships: A Mess Worth Making, Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Tripp

The Meaning of Marriage: Facing the Complexities of Commitment with the Wisdom of God, Tim and Kathy Keller