

The Person God Expects
Lesson 5: Husbands and Wives

Introduction:

If you could only have one, which would you choose love or respect?

CIRCLE the wife's responsibility to her husband
SQUARE the husband's responsibility to his wife

Ephesians 5:21-33 NKJV

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God. 22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. 24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to their own husbands in everything. 25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, 26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, 27 that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. 28 So husbands ought to love their own 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 the Lord *does* the church. 30 For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. 31 "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." 32 This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. 33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife *see* that she respects *her* husband.

What is the relationship?

- Between the husband and wife:
 - The husband is the _____
 - The wife is the _____
- Between Christ and the church:
 - Christ is the _____, the _____
 - The church is His _____

What does it mean for the wife?

1. For the wife be submissive/subject in _____? (Noting other relationships in which a Christian is to be submissive may help.)
 - a. Church to _____ (Eph 5:24)
 - b. Christians to _____ (Eph 5:21)
 - c. Christians to _____ and resist the _____ (James 4:7)
 - d. Children to _____ (Luke 2:51 cf Eph 6:1)
 - e. Christians to _____ (1 Peter 5:5)
 - f. Christians to _____ (Romans 13:1)
2. How can the wife be sure that she's shows respect/reverence to her husband? (Eph 5:33)

What does it mean for the husband?

1. To what extent is the husband to love his wife?
 - a. As _____ loved the church and _____ Himself up for _____ (Eph 5:25)
 - b. As his own _____ (Eph 5:28, 31)
 - i. Therefore he _____ and _____ her (Eph 5:29)
 - ii. How did Christ nourish and cherish his body? (Eph 5:26-27)
 1. _____ her (Eph 5:26)
 2. _____ her (Eph 5:26)
 3. _____ her off (Eph 5:27)
2. In what way is the husband the head of the wife?

What would/should/could make it easier:

1. For the wife to perform her responsibilities?
2. For the husband to perform his responsibilities?