

What Does It Take For A Man To Be A Great Husband?

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, Ephesians 5:25 (ESV)

- The command for a husband to love his wife was unexpected.
- Marriage is to be a living breathing picture of the relationship between Christ and the church.
- A husband has the high responsibility of loving his wife like Christ loved the church.
- Most men will not need to die for their wife at once, but they will die the death of a thousand little cuts of denying themselves every day.

4 Kinds of Love



1. When a husband loves his wife, he makes her lovely.

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. Ephesians 5:26–27 (ESV)

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 (ESV)

- God's unconditional love for us is what transforms us from ugly to beautiful. In the same way, a husband's unconditional love for his wife makes her beautiful.
- The husband is a thermostat, the wife is a thermometer. She responds to the temperature he sets in the home.

2. When a husband loves his wife, he loves himself.

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. Ephesians 5:28–30 (ESV)

- When a husband hits his wife or cusses at his wife, he hits and cusses at himself.

Why does a husband want to yell at his wife?

Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." Genesis 3:16 (ESV)

- **Nourish your wife** - This means to feed and care for her with the same kind of attention you give a newborn child.
- **Cherish your wife** - This means to protect your wife with your body.

3. A man loves his future wife by following God's pattern for marriage.

"Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." Ephesians 5:31 (ESV)

Leave

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 1 Corinthians 13:11 (ESV)

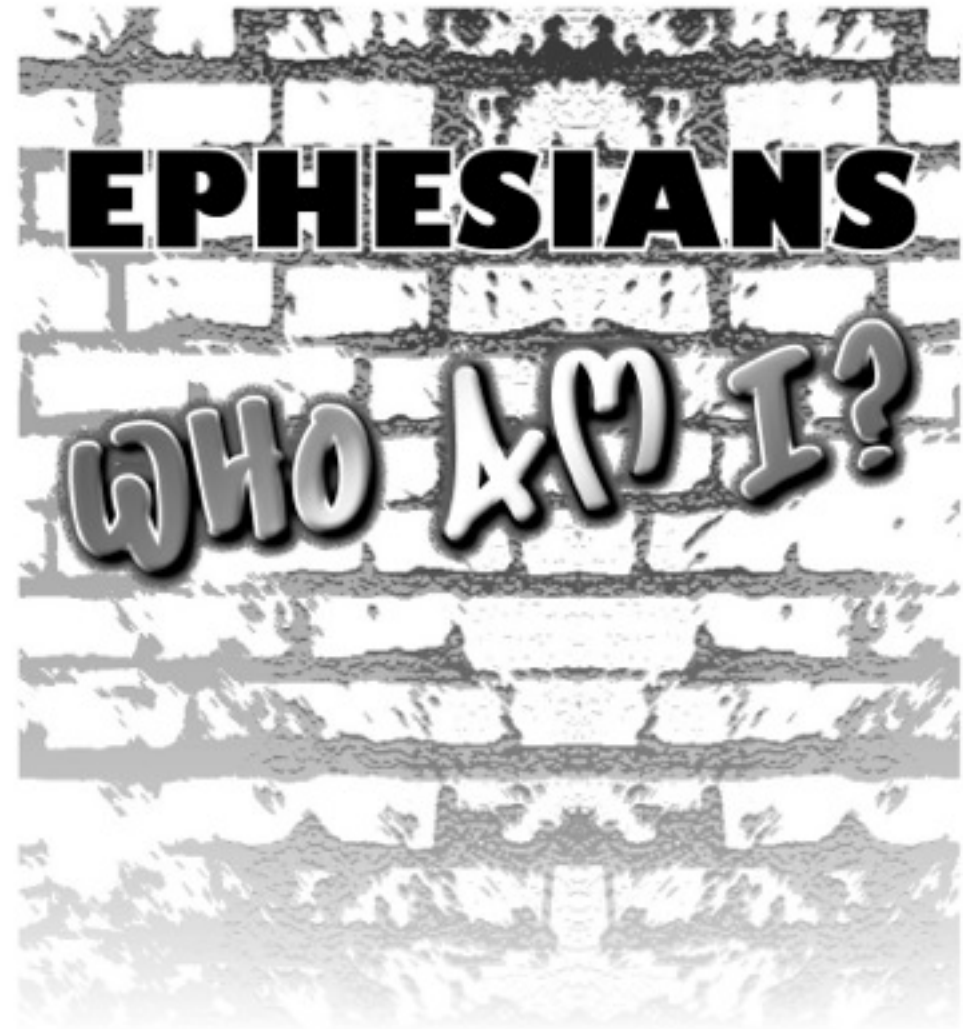
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Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel... 1 Peter 3:7 (ESV)

Conceive

Husbands, love your wife like Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.

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