



# HUSBANDHOOD

## What Does God Expect of Me?

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### Grasp the Truth in These 2 Scripture Passages on Being a Husband

- Listen to what God is saying to YOU on your role with your wife/future wife...
- The 5 translations/versions of the passage will give you a clear intent of the message.
- Note the gap between what the Bible teaches and your addict behaviours.
- TARGET CHANGE – Where do you need to let the Lord take you?

#### **Ephesians 5:25-33 NIV**

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy, cleansing<sup>□</sup> her by the washing with water through the word, <sup>27</sup>and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup>In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup>for we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

#### **Ephesians 5:25-33 NLT**

<sup>25</sup>For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her <sup>26</sup>to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. <sup>27</sup>He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. <sup>28</sup>In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man who loves his wife actually shows love for himself. <sup>29</sup>No one hates his own body but feeds and cares for it, just as Christ cares for the church. <sup>30</sup>And we are members of his body.

<sup>31</sup>As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” <sup>32</sup>This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. <sup>33</sup>So again I say, each man must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

#### **Ephesians 5:25-33 NASB**

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present to Himself the church <sup>□</sup>in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle

or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless. <sup>28</sup> So husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself; <sup>29</sup> for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also *does* the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are parts of His body. <sup>31</sup> FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND HIS MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH. <sup>32</sup> This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> Nevertheless, as for you individually, each *husband* is to love his own wife the same as himself, and the wife *must see to it* that she respects her husband.

### Ephesians 5:25-33 TPT

<sup>25</sup> And to the husbands, you are to demonstrate love for your wives with the same tender devotion that Christ demonstrated to us, his bride. For he died for us, sacrificing himself <sup>26</sup> to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. <sup>27</sup> *All that he does in us is designed to make us a mature church for his pleasure, until we become a source of praise to him—glorious and radiant, beautiful and holy, without fault or flaw.*

<sup>28</sup> Husbands have the obligation of loving and caring for their wives the same way they love and care for their own bodies, for to love your wife is to love your own self. <sup>29</sup> No one abuses his own body, but pampers it—serving and satisfying its needs. That’s exactly what Christ does for his church! <sup>30</sup> *He serves and satisfies us* as members of his body.

<sup>31</sup> For this reason a man is to leave his father and his mother and lovingly hold to his wife, since the two have become joined as one flesh. <sup>32</sup> Marriage is the beautiful design of the Almighty, a great mystery of Christ and his church. <sup>33</sup> So every married man should be gracious to his wife just as he is gracious to himself. And every wife should be tenderly devoted to her husband.

### Ephesians 5:25-33 TLB

<sup>25</sup> And you husbands, show the same kind of love to your wives as Christ showed to the Church when he died for her, <sup>26</sup> to make her holy and clean, washed by baptism and God’s Word;<sup>(a)</sup> <sup>27</sup> so that he could give her to himself as a glorious Church without a single spot or wrinkle or any other blemish, being holy and without a single fault. <sup>28</sup> That is how husbands should treat their wives, loving them as parts of themselves. For since a man and his wife are now one, a man is really doing himself a favor and loving himself when he loves his wife! <sup>29-30</sup> No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body the Church, of which we are parts.

<sup>31</sup> (That the husband and wife are one body is proved by the Scripture, which says, “A man must leave his father and mother when he marries so that he can be perfectly joined to his wife, and the two shall be one.”) <sup>32</sup> I know this is hard to understand, but it is an illustration of the way we are parts of the body of Christ.

<sup>33</sup> So again I say, a man must love his wife as a part of himself; and the wife must see to it that she deeply respects her husband—obeying, praising, and honoring him.

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### 1 Peter 3:7 NIV

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

### 1 Peter 3:7 NLT

In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

### 1 Peter 3:7 NASB

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.

### 1 Peter 3:7 TPT

Husbands, you in turn must treat your wives with tenderness, viewing them as feminine partners who deserve to be honored, for they are co-heirs with you of the "divine grace of life," so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

### 1 Peter 3:7 TLB

You husbands must be careful of your wives, being thoughtful of their needs and honoring them as the weaker sex. Remember that you and your wife are partners in receiving God's blessings, and if you don't treat her as you should, your prayers will not get ready answers.

## From Ephesians 5 – What are Our Responsibilities to our Wife?

- Love her as Jesus Loved His Bride – Sacrifice your life for hers (25)
- He cancelled himself and put his bride first before himself.
- He was willing to and did DIE for her
- Go all out to love your wife
- A great marriage is about give not getting.
  
- Do all you can to help her grow (26)
- To cover for her weaknesses
  
- Do all you can to bring out your wife's best – her gifts and abilities (27)
- Spend your time overlooking faults/forgiving faults not focusing on her faults.
- Forgive her freely as one without fault.
- Not hold her sins against her.
  
- Love your wife as your own body (28)

- Love your wife as you love yourself.
- You are under obligation to love and care for your wife.
- In marriage you became ONE – Live united.
- Loving her is the best thing you can do in life relationally
- To treat HER well, you are actually doing yourself a favour.
  
- Pamper, nourish and cherish your wife (29)
  
- Serve and satisfy her needs (30)
  
- United exclusively to your wife (31)
- There is NO ONE else and NOTHING else
- FAITHFUL to her in Mind and body
  
- Be a living example of the way Jesus loves his bride the church (32)
- People should be able to say, “Oh, I get it. Jesus loves us, his bride, the way you love, honour and value your wife (32)
  
- Love your wife as part of yourself (33)
- Be gracious with your spouse as you are to yourself

### **From 1 Peter – What are Our Responsibilities to our Wife?**

- Love your wife in an understanding way
- Honour your wife – treat her with respect
- Be considerate to her – thinking about her first
- Treat her as an equal partner
- Treat her with gentleness, tenderness and patience
- Be thoughtful of her needs
- Don’t dominate her with your strength verbally or physically.
- Treat her as you know you should (now that you have read and understand this)
- **SO THAT YOUR PRAYER LIFE WILL NOT BE HINDERED**

## **BOYS MAKE EXCUSES – MEN MAKE CHANGES!**

1. What is God asking of you? What is He saying to you?
2. List three specific changes do you need to make.
3. What do you need to say to her as a result of this talk?
4. What do you want to tell your accountability partner to hold you to?
5. Would you commit again to STAY IN YOUR LANE and focus on becoming the man that God wants you to be and the husband she will desire not avoid?