

“Back to Basics, Pt. 4 – Christian Marriage”

Ephesians 5:22-33

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I. Leadership in the Home (Eph. 5:22-33)

- A. The Lord grants husbands full authority over their wives and homes.
- B. This touches everything (Eph. 5:24) – except if a husband asked his wife to sin.

II. Leadership in the Home in the Context of Gen. 1-2

- A. A husband’s leadership should be geared toward his duty to provide for and protect his wife, that is, to bless her in all things.

1 Peter 3:7 - Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Ephesians 5:28–29a - 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...

- B. A wife’s submission to her husband’s leadership should be joyfully given in light of his role as provider and protector.

III. Leadership in the Home in the Context of Christ and the Church

- A. Marriage portrays Christ’s relationship with the Church.
- B. This complements and expands (how much more?!) our creation roles.

IV. Marriage as Salt and Light

- A. The world needs to see us fulfilling the roles God has called us to in marriage.
- B. The world needs to see happy Christian marriages.