

1. Love wife by sacrificially meeting her emotional needs – Ephesians 5:25

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;

Introduction:

1. Legitimate needs do not indicate imperfection or fault, God created Adam both perfect and good, yet with needs only Eve could meet and vice versa.
2. Covenant needs are not grown out of but instead increase with spiritual growth
3. Defraud
4. Cruel Expectation
5. You cannot understand rather you must accept
- 6. If not you who**

a. Conversational intimacy –

1.) Access Hebrews 4:16

Hebrews 4:16 Let us therefore draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and may find grace to help in time of need.

2.) Topics (resulting in emotional comfort and security) Philippians 4:6, 7

Philippians 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

b. Intimacy through emotional/psychological comfort and care – Ephesians 5:33

Ephesians 5:33 Nevertheless let each individual among you also love his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.

c. Actually being there – Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:5; Ephesians 5:31

1.) In the beginning given by God the Father

Genesis 2:24 For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

3.) Reaffirmed by God the Son

Matthew 19:5 and said, 'For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh'?

4.) Instituted in the Church age by God the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:31 For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.

d. Questions...

- 1.) If You Do Not Meet These Needs, Who Do You Want To Meet Them –**
- 2.) What is your spouse's moral alternatives**
- 3.) Trapping your wife in the prison of the Christian marriage**
- 4.) Same alternatives when it comes to your needs**