

If he, as Ephesians 5:25 commands, is to love his wife as “Christ loved the Church”, then those verses which define Christ’s undying love for the us, also define the husbands undying love for his wife.

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1. Home and family

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a. Priority of the home – Ephesians 5:31

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b. Discipline of children – Proverbs 23:13 & 14; I Timothy 3:4

Proverbs 23:13-14

13 Do not hold back discipline from the child, although you beat him with the rod, he will not die.

14 You shall beat him with the rod, and deliver his soul from Sheol.

c. Honor in the home – I Peter 3:7; Proverbs 31:28

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands likewise, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with a weaker vessel, since she is a woman; and grant her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Proverbs 31:28 Her children rise up and bless her; her husband also, and he praises her, saying:

- 1.) The mother is not the children’s servant
 - 2.) Servant as defined by Christ in Luke 22:27
- a. We cannot use “ministry” or God to as an excuse to neglect our responsibilities in the home

1 Tim 3:4-5

4 He must be one who manages his own household well, keeping his children under control with all dignity

5 (but if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how will he take care of the church of God?);

Titus 1:6

6 namely, if any man be above reproach, the husband of one wife, having children who believe, not accused of dissipation or rebellion.

b. 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**
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The covenant of marriage, as both conceived and defined by God, is made with God on the basis of legitimate needs of both the husband and wife to which both the husband and wife are held equally accountable.

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Proverbs 12:4; Ephesians 5:33; I Peter 3:1 & 2

Proverbs 12:4 An excellent wife is the crown of her husband, but she who shames him is as rottenness in his bones.

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.

1 Peter 3:1-2

*1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives,
2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior.*

- a. Every mother knows the shallowness of mocking, feigned respect by a child.
- b. She should not repeat this in her relationship with her husband.
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