

Faithful Marriage

Faith & Family #2 – Mike Laramée – July 26th, 2015 – Ephesians 5:22-33

Ephesians 5:22-33 (ESV) ²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” ³²This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

HOW TO LIVE OUT A FAITHFUL MARRIAGE:

1. _____ your marriage to God’s design.

Genesis 2:18 (ESV) Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

1Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) “But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.”

Galatians 3:28 (ESV) “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

2. _____ your wife.

Col 3:19 (ESV) “Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them.”

1Pe 3:7 (ESV) “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.”

How to Spell Love to Your Wife (COUPLE)

- C** – Closeness – She Wants You to Be Close
- O** – Openness – She Wants You to Open Up
- U** – Understanding – Don’t Try to “Fix” Her
- P** – Peacemaking – She Wants You to Say, “I’m Sorry”
- L** – Loyalty – She Needs to Know You’re Committed
- E** – Esteem – She Wants You to Honor Her

3. _____ your husband.

1Peter 3:5-6 (ESV) "For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their husbands, as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord."

1Peter 3:1-2 (NASB) "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, as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior."

How to Spell Respect to Your Husband (CHAIRS)

C – Conquest – Appreciate His Desire to Work and Achieve

H – Hierarchy – Appreciate His Desire to Protect and Provide

A – Authority – Appreciate His Desire to Serve and Lead

I – Insight – Appreciate His Desire to Analyze and Counsel

R – Relationship – Appreciate His Desire for Shoulder-to-Shoulder Friendship

S – Sexuality – Appreciate His Desire for Sexual Intimacy