

Marriage on a Mission

God's Purpose for Christian Marriages

Ephesians 5:22-33 (15-21)

God intended marriage to be

1. A _____ of the love relationship between Christ and the church
2. A _____ relationship in the kingdom
3. A frontline center of _____ for each other and children
4. A primary source of _____, _____, and _____ for husband and wife.

For this to happen, we must

1. See our relationship to Christ as the _____ for all other relationships.
2. _____ to one another. Our relationships need to be based on _____ and not _____.

Why Marriages on a Mission Last

1. The couple's love for _____ is more important than their love for each other.
2. The marriage has an _____ purpose.
3. The couple knows their marriage exists to _____ others.

Ephesians 5:15-33

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

²² Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶ that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ so 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. 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, just as Christ does the church, ³⁰ because 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." ³² This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. ³³ However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.