

How Husbands Can Stop Damaging Marriage

An Overview of the Husband's Role **Ephesians 5:22-33** Chris Mueller 11-6-2022

Introduction:

1st Turn to Christ in repentance and faith 2nd Depend upon the Holy Spirit 3rd Follow God's blueprint

Review:

1. Basic commitments from Ephesians. *Don't be...*
 - Chapter 1 IGNORING God's Sovereign purpose for your marriage
 - Chapter 2 MINIMIZING your sinfulness and your desperate need for God's grace
 - Chapter 3 OVERLOOKING the incredible love of God to fill your life
 - Chapter 4 AVOIDING your interconnectedness to the church family
 - Chapter 6 ELEVATING your children over your marriage
2. Live by the power of the Spirit **Ephesians 5:18**
3. Wives, live out God's design for you
4. Today: Husbands, live out God's design for you

ONE = The responsible L_____ of his bride

Ephesians 5:23 *For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church He Himself being the Savior of the body.*

A. Husbands must pursue their brides B. Husbands must set biblical direction C. Husbands repent and restore first

TWO = The sacrificial L of his bride

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

Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

**Love means husbands die to self by _____ themselves,
providing security**

1st Men love by treating their wives as the most _____ person on the planet

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

Ask your wife: *Honey, do you believe in your heart that, next to Christ, you are the most important person to me?*

2nd Men love by _____ God's will into every aspect of their lives

Ephesians 5:26 *That He might sanctify her, having cleansed her with the washing of the water of the word*

Ask your wife: *Dear, are you convinced that I want God's will over everything in our lives?*

3rd Men love by cultivating an environment of _____ and safety

Ephesians 5:28-30 *So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself, for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church*

Ask your wife: Sugar, are you convinced that I want you to grow and serve and that I want to protect you from all harm?

Take Home:

A. Godly husbands _____ at marriage 24/7

B. A godly man is most _____ in his marriage

C. A godly man works most at _____ to self

When you are forgotten and neglected or purposely thwarted and you **don't sting or hurt to the insult or the oversight**, but your heart is happy being counted worthy to suffer for Christ; **that is dying to self.**

When your good is spoken evil of, when your wishes are crossed, your advice disregarded, your opinions ridiculed, and you refuse to let anger rise in your heart or even defend yourself, but take it all in patient, loving silence; **that is dying to self.**

When you lovingly and patiently bear any disorder and irregularity, impunctuality or any annoyance, when you can stand face to face with waste, folly, extravagance, spiritual insensibility, and endure it as Jesus endured it; **that is dying to self.**

When you are content with any food, any offering, any clothing, any climate, any solitude, any interruption by the will of God; **that is dying to self.**

When you never care to refer to yourself in conversation or to record your own good works, or to itch after commendation, when you can truly love to be unknown; **that is dying to self.**

When you can see your brother prosper and have his needs met and can honestly rejoice with him in spirit and feel no envy, nor question God, while your own needs are far greater and in desperate circumstances; **that is dying to self.**

When you can receive correction and reproof from one of less stature than yourself, and can humbly submit inwardly as well as outwardly, finding no rebellion or resentment rising up within your heart; **that is dying to self.**

D. A godly husband _____ certain key truths

*** In addition to the study of God's Word, faithful prayer, immerse in the church and seeking to be filled with the Spirit, a godly husband:**

- *Requires himself and his wife to leave their parents and cleave to each other
- *Doesn't wait to obey God's Word regardless
- *Makes certain they apply the Bible to their trials and tests
- *Seeks the counsel of older godly men for him and older godly women for her
- *Makes time to cultivate undistracted communication
- *Arranges life so that he loves his wife more than his kids
- *Seeks to make certain he loves God more than his spouse
- *Pursues obedience in finances, service to the church, and witness to the world
- *Desires to have their marriage be a witness to the lost
- *Never entertains thoughts of divorce
- *Keeps his desires focused on his bride and no one else
- *Desires to honor God above all things in life and marriage

E. A godly husband _____ to Christ, then _____ on the Holy Spirit

Questions for Growth in Christ

1. What does the world think about the differing roles of men and women today? How can we help them think differently?
2. What are some of the things untaught Christians say about God's design for men and women today?
3. Explain as clearly as you can what God's role us for husbands is and how it partners with God's role for wives perfectly.
4. How do unbelieving, untaught, and well-taught believing husbands react differently to their responsibilities as a husband?
5. What key truths from this message impacted you the most and why? What will be the most difficult to apply and why?
6. What truths about the role of men did this message not cover, and where do you find those other truths in Scripture?
7. How does the church help men live out their role, and are you taking advantage of his grace at FBC to do so?
8. How can God use a godly marriage to impact the couple's children, their church, and the lost world?
9. How will men impact other men to live out God's design for men?
10. What kind of steps should single men take in order to live out their God-designed role and, for some, to prepare for a future marriage?

