

From Dreadlock to Wedlock

Ephesians 5:22-33



Living in Reality

- A marriage, especially a Christian one is supposed to be a thing of intense beauty, love and joy.
- However, too often, this is just not the case. Sadly, many marriages, even those where both partners are believers are in serious turmoil.
- The typical story.
- The dust settles.



I. God's Plan for the Christian Home

Vs. 23-24



A. Be Certain of Your Salvation

- It is absolutely imperative that both partners in the marriage covenant be believers.
- An unequal yoke produces a relationship that is totally out of balance, 2 Pet. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:5.
- The Holy Spirit dwells in them both and is able to equip them to handle their problems and is able to love the other through them.



B. Be Clean of All Your Sin

- Sin should be confessed as far as it is known, Pro. 28:13.
- Be sure that all sin has been dealt with before the Savior, and where necessary, before your spouse, 1 John 1:9; James 5:16.



C. Be Committed To Your Savior

- 1. Eph. 5:19-21 In Your Worship.
- 2. Eph. 6:5-9 In Your Work.
- 3. Eph. 6:10-18 In Your Spiritual Warfare.
- 4. Eph. 5:22-33 In You Marriage.



D. Be Committed To Your Spouse

- Eph. 5:31 repeats the mandate spoken by Adam in Gen. 2:24.
- All marriages stand a better chance for survival when there is a measure of independence from one's parents and in-laws.
- This would refer to physical, emotional and financial independence.
- That covers leaving, but there must also be a great amount of cleaving.



What's a husband to do?

- **A. V. 23 He Must Be A Leader.**
- **B. V. 25 He Must Be A Lover.**
- **C. V. 23, 25, 28-29 He Must Be A Laborer.**
 - **1. V. 23 He Should Be A Protector.**
 - **2. V. 25 He Should Be Most Responsible.**
 - **3. V. 28 He Should Be Learner, 1 Pet 3:7.**
 - **4. V. 29 He Should Be A Provider**
 - **a. He Is To Nourish.**
 - **b. He Is To Cherish.**



III. God's Plan for the Christian Woman.

Vs. 22



What's a lady to do?

- **A. A Word About Rank.**
- **B. A Word About Respect .**
- **C. A Word About Realization.**
 - **1. It Honors God.**
 - **2. The Husband Will Answer For The Home.**
 - **3. Submission Cannot Be Forced.**
 - **4. God's Law Always Supersedes That Of Your Husbands.**

