

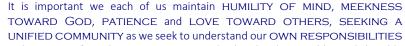
Sunday, February 2, 2020

#### MAKE A QUIET COMMITMENT:

- QUIET your mind and soul before the LORD "Be still, and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10)
- COMMIT to obedience: Commit to doing whatever God will say to you in this
  message "to obey is better than sacrifice" (1 Samuel 15:22)
- The WEALTH of the Believer (1:1-3:21)
- II. The WALK of the Believer (4:1-6:9)
  - A. Walk WORTHY—VERTICALLY before GOD (4:1-32)
  - B. Walk WORTHY—HORIZONTALLY toward OTHERS (5:1-6:9)
    - 1. Walk in LOVE DISPLAYING the LOVE of CHRIST (5:1-2)
    - 2. Walk in LIGHT REFLECTING the LIGHT of CHRIST (5:3-14)
    - 3. Walk in WISDOM in the WORD of CHRIST (5:15-17)
    - 4. Walk in STEP with the SPIRIT of CHRIST (5:18-21)
    - 5. Walk in HARMONY in the WAY of CHRIST (5:22-6:9)
      - a. Introduction: The Mystery of Marriage (5:31-33)

God designed marriage as the foundational institution of human society. God designed marriage for one man and one woman to be joined together in this life-long sacred union.

- b. The MARRIAGE RELATIONSHIP (5:22-33)
  - i. GODLY WIVES Practice WILLFULLY LOVING SUBMISSION (22-24)
  - ii. GODLY HUSBANDS practice SACRIFICIAL and SELFLESS LOVE (25-33)



within each section of teaching. *Wives*, as your husband is being addressed, humbly consider how you can come alongside him to LOVINGLY and HUMBLY ENCOURAGE HIM in HIS OBEDIENCE TO THE LORD, maintaining PATIENCE WITH HIM as HE LEARNS and GROWS.

- a) The PRECEPT of LOVE COMMANDED (25a)
- b) The PICTURE of LOVE ILLUSTRATED (25b)
- c) The PRACTICE of LOVE <u>DEMONSTRATED</u> (26-32)

The SUBMISSION PRINCIPLE can be stated as humbling one's self to the needs of others.

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"Is our wife more like Christ because she's married to us? Or, is she like Christ in spite of us?"

## 1. DETERMINE a **PURIFYING** LOVE (26)

With Christ's PURIFYING LOVE, He prepares His people for their SACRED PURPOSE in this life of glorifying God although imperfectly. It seeks to help our wives on their journey of sanctification. It to encourage them in their pursuit of Christlikeness.

## 2. DETERMINE a <u>PERFECTING</u> LOVE (27)

While a purifying love has the process in mind, a PERFECTING LOVE has the PRODUCT in mind. Christ's PURIFYING LOVE will lead to a PERFECTING LOVE. With Christ's PURIFYING LOVE, He prepares His people for their SACRED PURPOSE then with Christ's PERFECTING LOVE, He prepares His people for their SACRED PRESENTATION in the life to come by glorifying God with perfection.

<u>1 John 3:2</u> Beloved, now are we the sons of **God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when **He** shall appear, we shall be like **Him**; for we shall see **Him** as **He** is.

<u>Colossians 1:21-22</u> And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath **He** reconciled **22** In the body of **His** flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unreproveable in **His** sight:

Husbands, our PERFECTING LOVE looks forward to the day we stand before the Lord and GIVE ACCOUNT for the **life we lived** and the **way we loved**.

### 3. DETERMINE a PERSONAL LOVE (28-30)

"So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. ..." (Eph 5:28) – Paul uses this Greek word translated "ought" which carries the idea of owing something or being indebted. This word stress one's obligation.

#### a. It is a PURIFYING LOVE

A PURIFYING LOVE is characterized by time spend with her considering her spiritual needs.

## b. It is a **PROTECTING** LOVE

A PROTECTING LOVE is characterized by tending to her safety.

### c. It is a PROVIDING LOVE

A PROVIDING LOVE is characterized by <u>tenderness</u>. It "cherishes" her, considering her emotional needs

## d. It is a **PSYCHOLOGICAL** LOVE

<u>1Pe 3:7a</u> Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge [*know your wife intellectually*], ...

#### e. It is a PATIENT LOVE

<u>1 Corinthians 13:4</u> Charity [self-sacrificing love] suffereth long [is patient], and is kind [generous]; charity envieth not [ill will towards others]; ...

A PATIENT LOVE is an <u>understanding</u> love. It is characterized by humility as it considers their own imperfections.

<u>Colossians 3:19</u> Husbands, love *your* wives, and be not bitter against them.

### f. It is a PHYSICAL LOVE

A PHYSICAL LOVE is characterized by the RIGHT KIND OF TOUCH.



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Our WORTHY WALK is explained by WALKING IN HARMONY in the WAY of CHRIST. GODLY HUSBANDS practice INTENTIONAL LOVE. They determine to love their wife with a PERFECTING LOVE

as well as a PERSONAL LOVE. A Godly husband DETERMINES to love his wife, seeking to meet her spiritual, emotional, and physical needs. He is to love her "as his own body."

What is my next step? Please consider doing the questions on the back of this page.



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# What Is My Next Step?

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2.	a. b.	at did God show i What is He like? What does He lik What does He di	
3.	Wh a. b. c.	What command What promise to	•
	d.	What example to	follow?
4.	What verse(s) should I memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make <b>my</b> change lasting? ( <i>Renew your mind</i> )		
5.	In li a.	_	heard from God, ( <i>Put <u>ON</u> CHRIST</i> ) quality of Jesus must <b>I</b> demonstrate <i>with God's help</i>
	b.	In what situation Christ-like way?	s will I most likely be tempted <u>not</u> to respond in a
	C.	How can I get re	ady for those situations? (If I don't have a plan for



change, it probably won't happen.)

OUR MISSION: Supremely love GOD, Sacrificially love others —ALL to the GLORY of GOD!