



Sunday, February 16, 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)

I. 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)

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)



It is important we each of us maintain **HUMILITY OF MIND**, **MEEKNESS TOWARD GOD**, **PATIENCE** and **LOVE TOWARD OTHERS**, **SEEKING A UNIFIED COMMUNITY** as we seek to understand our **OWN RESPONSIBILITIES** 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 DEMONSTRATED (26-32)



“Is your wife more like Christ because she is married to you? Or, is she like Christ in spite of you?”

1. DETERMINE a PURIFYING LOVE (26)
2. DETERMINE a PERFECTING LOVE (27)
3. DETERMINE a PERSONAL LOVE (28-30)
4. DETERMINE a PERMANENT LOVE (31)
5. DETERMINE a PROFOUND LOVE (32)

“This is a great mystery: ...” (Eph 5:32) – The Greek word, “*mustērion*” is translated “*mystery*” which carries the idea of a secret thing that is unknown to human reasoning.

The marriage union is a profound mystery when we consider the uniting of two individual lives that produce a stronger, more unified influence.

“...but I speak concerning Christ and the church.” (Eph 5:32) – This mystery is not due to its difficulty to understand but the profound reality of what it accomplishes. Now, Paul applies it directly to the marriage union.

MARRIAGE IS TO BE A BEAUTIFUL PICTURE OF THE GOSPEL ON DISPLAY.

- d) The PRECEPTS of LOVE REMINDED (33)
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1. GODLY HUSBANDS practice SACRIFICIAL and SELFLESS LOVE

“Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; ...” (Eph 5:33) – Paul stresses love not authority. He emphasizes the love that the husband is to display.

Q: The key question a Godly husband seeks to ask himself is, “Does my love for my wife reveal the characteristics of Christ’s love for His church?”

- a. “Is it a PURIFYING love?”
- b. “Is it a PERFECTING love?”

- c. "Is it a PERSONAL love?"
 - d. "Is it a PERMANENT love?"
 - e. "It is a PROFOUND love?"
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2. **GODLY WIVES** practice **WILLING** and **LOVING SUBMISSION**

"...and the wife see that she reverence her husband." ([Eph 5:33](#)) – The Greek word translated "*reverence*" carries the idea of respect and awe.

A Godly wife is to be INTENTIONAL in how she submits to her husband.

A Godly wife is to be INFLUENTIAL in how she submits to her husband.

Q: The key question a Godly wife seeks to ask herself is, "Does my submission to my husband reveal the characteristics of my Savior's to His Father?"

- i. Is my submission **WILLING**?
 - ii. Is my submission **LOVING**?
 - iii. Is my submission **WORSHIP**?
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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 **PROFOUND LOVE**. A Godly husband **DETERMINES** to love his wife with the **CROSS-SHAPED LOVE** OF **CHRIST**. **GODLY HUSBANDS** practice **SACRIFICIAL** and **SELFLESS LOVE**. While a **GODLY WIFE DETERMINES** to practice **WILLING** and **LOVING SUBMISSION** to her own husband.

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?

Hearing — Giving *attention* to God's Word with the intent to obey it — James 1:21-25

Doing — Making *application* of God's Word to be more like Christ — Eph. 4:22-24

Date: _____ Text: _____ Speaker: _____

1. What did God show **me** that **I** must confess and forsake because it does not reflect Christ and hurts **my** relationship with Him and others? (***Put OFF SIN***)
2. What did God show **me** about Himself in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What is He like?
 - b. What does He like?
 - c. What does He dislike?
3. What does God say to me in this text? (***Renew your mind***)
 - a. What command to obey?
 - b. What promise to claim?
 - c. What principle to apply (*If I do _____, then God will do _____*)?
 - d. What example to follow?
4. What verse(s) should **I** memorize and meditate upon through-out this week to help make **my** change lasting? (***Renew your mind***)
5. In light of what **I** have heard from God, ... (***Put ON CHRIST***)
 - a. What character quality of Jesus must I demonstrate *with God's help* this week?
 - b. In what situations will I most likely be tempted not to respond in a Christ-like way?
 - c. How can **I** get ready 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!