

“GROW UP & GET TO WORK!” [Part 11]

A Series on the book of Ephesians

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GOD’S ORDER FOR THE HOME (Eph. 5:22-6:4)

1. This order is under attack!
2. This works best for people who are growing up in God.
3. The context is mutual submission and respect (5:21).
4. Focus on the part written to your gender!

I. INSTRUCTIONS FOR WIVES (Eph. 5:22-24).

- A. Wives are to support the leadership of their husbands as a means of submitting to the Lord (v. 22).
- B. The husband is called to accept the responsibility for the healthy leadership of the family, with the wife called to help him do that (vv. 23-24).
 1. Christ modeled this headship by offering Himself to save the church!
 2. Husbands should sacrifice for the marriage’s wellbeing.

II. INSTRUCTIONS FOR HUSBANDS (Eph. 5:25-33a).

- A. Husbands are called to love their wives as Christ loved the church. How did Christ love the church?
 1. He gave Himself for her (v. 25b).
 2. Headship means husbands get to take the lead in sacrificing for their marriage!
- B. Christ’s love and sacrifice for the church caused her to become radiant (vv. 26-27).
 1. A husband’s love and sacrifice should help bring out his wife’s full radiance!
- C. Husbands are called to love their wives as their own bodies – nourish and cherish (vv. 28-29).
 1. Do what it takes to meet your wife’s needs & desires.
- D. Take responsibility for her emotional connection (v. 31).
- E. Don’t lose either gender’s individuality.

SUMMARY: Husbands love your wives and wives respect your husbands (v. 33).

CONCLUSION: When we live according to God’s order for marriage, marriage works better.