



Gospel Husband

Ephesians 5:22-33

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Key Thought: We Christian husbands are supposed to be the “good news” face of Jesus to our wives.

Key Question: How do we become “good news” husbands to our wives?

Read Ephesians 5:22-33

The Responsibilities of a Christian Husband: (vv. 22-27)

The Apostle Paul gives us the perfect example of headship in describing Christ’s relationship with the Church. We can see that headship is not a pass on responsibility or a privilege to order others around for selfish gain. Headship is an expression of authority and at the same time an expression of service for the sake of another.

1) Headship means husbands should act as savior including, sacrificial giving, sanctified living, and treasure instilling. What are each of these, as we see them in Christ’s example?

- How did Jesus use his authority? (Phil 2:5-8) How does his example direct a husband’s use of authority?
- Who do you know that exudes Christ-like servant leadership in his marriage? What stands out?

The Reasons for a Christian Husband’s Headship: (vv. 26-31)

We learned good reasons for Biblical headship which include glorifying one’s wife and sanctifying one’s self. Many wives feel put down by their husbands, which in turn damages the husband. But the husband’s goal is to help his wife know and understand her radiance before the Lord, filling them with a sense of God’s grace.

2) What does it look like for a husband to glorify his wife (vv. 26-27) and sanctify himself (vv. 28-31)?

- What encouragement would you give a husband who regretfully realizes he’s been using the “evil math” of putting his wife down to build himself up?

The Resources for a “Good News” Husband’s Headship (vv. 25-31)

The resources available for a husband to be a “good news” husband are self-sacrifice and Christ’s sacrifice. The oneness of Christ and the church is a mystery but the path of the husband is clear, the path of the cross.

2) When you hear, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord” what kind of husband do you picture? What does his self-sacrifice look like during a pandemic? What fuels his heart?

- Give examples of a husband “glorifying” his wife. What do you think results from that?
- What are you taking away from this study on headship today?

Q’s for Kids: (Read Ephesians 5:22-31 together)

- 1) Describe a good husband. How does he act? How does he treat his wife?
- 2) If a husband is supposed to lead and treat his wife like Jesus does the church, how should he act?
- 3) What do you think makes a Christian husband love and serve his wife no matter what?
- 4) What are some ways husbands and wives can help each other remember and understand even more how much God loves them?