- 4. She needs peace in knowing you understand her limitations and lovingly protect her.
- 5. She needs intimate fellowship that comes from your attention and quality conversation.
- 6. She needs affirmation that you are committed to her above all else.
- 7. She needs trust that you will not willingly deceive her.

# B. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Love

### EMPHATIC LOVE CHERISHES

**Definition:** "cherisheth"—to love tenderly, to foster with tender care

### EMPHATIC LOVE CARES

"But he that is married careth for the things that are of the world, how he may please his wife." (1 Corinthians 7:33)

**Definition:** "careth"—concerned look out for

**Quote:** "One reason why Paul remained unmarried was so that he might devote himself completely to the service of Christ. His calling was such that he did not want to force a wife and family to suffer because of the Lord's demands on him. While this is not the normal standard for Christian servants, we must admire men like Paul, David Brainerd, Robert Murray McCheyne, and others who gave their all to Christ in this sacrificial way."—**Warren Wiersbe** 

## CONCLUSION

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." (Ephesians 4:32)



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# **SACRIFICIAL LOVE**

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# Text: Ephesians 5:25-29

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 28 So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. 29 For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church:" (Ephesians 5:25–29)

## INTRODUCTION

1.

"And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh." (Genesis 2:22–24)

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•	SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS	(vs. 25-27)
	A. Through	

THE GIVING OF CHRIST
THE GIVING OF A SPOUSE

"Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;" (Romans 12:10)

"Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;" (1 Corinthians 13:4-5)

## B. Through \_\_\_\_\_

### VOLITIONAL

"Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. 18 No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." (John 10:17–18)

#### HUMBLE

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." (Philippians 2:3-4)

"For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it." (Matthew 16:25)

# 2. SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS

(vs. 26-27)

# A. Produces a Godly \_\_\_\_\_

### SANCTIFY

**Definition:** "sanctify"—to make holy, to dedicate, separate, set apart for God

**Quote:** "A husband leads his wife and children toward a life of godliness."

"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." (1 Peter 3:7)

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" (1 Peter 5:8)

### **CLEANSE**

## B. Produces a Cleansed

"Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word." (Psalm 119:9)

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (John 17:17)

#### 4 WAYS TO SANCTIFY YOUR FAMILY

1. Family Devotions

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

- 2. Church Attendance
- 3. Internet Guidelines

"I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me." (Psalm 101:3)

4. Clear Boundaries

"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof." (Romans 13:14)

## 3. SACRIFICIAL LOVE IS

(vs. 28-29)

Quote: "Elevate dependability, eliminate doubt."

A. Through \_\_\_\_\_ Love

NOURISH BY PROVIDING FOR HER PHYSICAL NEEDS NOURISH BY PROVIDING EMOTIONAL AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT

### HOW TO NOURISH YOUR WIFE

- 1. She needs confidence that flows from your spiritual leadership.
- 2. She needs assurance that she is meeting your needs.
- 3. She needs joy in knowing that you delight in her as a person.