

# Led to Loving Leadership

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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 -- context Eph 5:15-21 <sup>Filling of Holy Spirit</sup>

- Husband's role in marriage
- Husband's relationship to wife compared relationship between Christ & the church
- Mt 19:4-6 God's design for marriage
  - \* God created male & female
  - \* Man joined to his wife
  - \* Husband & wife become one flesh

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith." (Galatians 5:22)*

## 1. God Ordained Marriage

*"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)*

2. The Gospel Is Our Model for Sacrificial Love -- agape love  
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## 1. LEAD IN Sacrificial LOVE (v. 25-27)

### A. Through giving (v. 25)

**Quote:** "'Love' is a volitional choice and therefore can respond to a command."

THE GIVING OF CHRIST - gave himself to church

THE GIVING OF THE HUSBAND - prefer wife first

- Parents are giving to children in families

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

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

**Quote:** "To say we love someone and then not treat them with kindness is hypocrisy."

*"Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." (Ephesians 4:29)*

B. Through serving

VOLITIONAL - your free choice

*"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)*

**2. LEAD BY** Sanctifying **LOVE** (v. 26-27)

A. Produces a Godly testimony (v. 26)

SANCTIFY -- growing in moral character

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

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

*"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)* Pay attention

*"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful." (Proverbs 27:6)*

CLEANSE

B. Produces a Cleansed family (v. 26b-27)

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

#### 4 WAYS TO SANCTIFY YOUR FAMILY

1. Family Devotions with Kids

*"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. LEAD BY Securing LOVE (v. 28-29)

Quote: "Elevate dependability, eliminate doubt."

A. Through expressive Love (v. 28-29a)

say  
"I love  
you"

NOURISH BY PROVIDING FOR HER PHYSICAL NEEDS

NOURISH BY PROVIDING SUPPORT EMOTIONALLY  
AND SPIRITUALLY

B. Through emphatic Love (v. 29b)

EMPHATIC LOVE CHERISHES

EMPHATIC LOVE CARES

} show your love  
clearly

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

#### CONCLUSION

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