



A Home for the Holidays

A Loving Husband
Ephesians 5:25-33

LOVE IS A COMMITMENT

“Husbands, love your wives just as Christ also loved the church . . .”

- A command to love not permission to “control”
- **“love”** (agapao) - This is the most intense, selfless, sacrificial, humble word for love in all the Greek language. It is not a love of emotions, but of will. It is not based upon the qualities of the one being loved but on the character of the one intentionally choosing to love. It is the kind of love that God has for us.

LOVE IS A SACRIFICE

“... and gave Himself up for her.”

- Husbands are the spiritual leaders of the home
- The call to lead is a call to serve those we lead
- The test of our service is what we are willing to sacrifice to offer it

LOVE IS PURIFYING

“ . . . so that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her with the washing of water, with the Word, that he might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.”

Spiritual leadership

- Walking in the way of Christ
- Leading in the way of Christ
- Praying for those we lead

LOVE IS PRACTICAL

“So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies, He who loves his own wife loves himself; for no one ever hated his own flesh but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, because we are members of His body.”

- **Meeting physical needs**
- **Meeting other needs** - unconditional love, intimacy, friendship, encouragement

LOVE IS A PORTRAIT

“For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church. Nevertheless, each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.”



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