

“The Beautiful Mystery of Marriage” Ephesians 5:22-33

Investing in your marriage is the second-best _____ you can make in life.

What the Wife does for success:

1. She understands her husband is _____ of the Family meaning the LORD has _____ him to lead, protect, guide, and serve the Family. This is _____. (Wives: Please let the husband do what GOD wants him to do.)
 - A. The wife _____ his leadership ... _____. **V. 22-23**
This means that her focus is _____ first, which is why she can then follow her husband’s lead.
 - B. This is not about which spouse is _____, or stronger, or who has more skill. This is about developing a _____ home. (_____ partners are meant to grow, not just one spouse)
 - C. If the wife consistently _____ of the husband and leads, he will never _____ into the man GOD wants him to be. Then he becomes a _____ man.
 - D. She commits willingly to be _____ to ... or _____ to his leadership.
* Men you cannot _____ this to happen. (“The Bible says”)
 - E. The phrase “be subject” or submit means to willingly take the _____ by putting others _____ and then serving, like JESUS did. Mark 10:44-45
 - F. This attitude is _____, meaning this is what you do, at all times., **V.24**
John 13:14-15 _____ husbands and wives are to be subject to each other. **V.21** (all _____ are to learn this. Rom. 13:1-2)
CHRIST is THE Undisputed _____ of the Church, and yet this is HIS _____. Mt. 11:29 B
 - G. Wives, if your husband asks you to do what is _____, you do not comply. Instead:
 1. You learn to _____ to him. “_____ are you asking for this?”
“_____ are you looking for?”
“Well How about?” (suggesting an _____)
 2. IF your appeal does not work, then you _____ for doing what is right.
2. The number one thing any husband needs from his wife is _____. **V.33**
 - A. A wife _____ loves her husband unless he destroys it. Genesis 3:16
 - B. But she _____ naturally respect her husband. Her flesh (humanness) causes a wife to see and focus on her _____.
 - C. Nagging and criticizing a husband never _____ him to lasting change. _____ it again, and staying on him, never works. It actually demotivates him and causes him to _____.

- D. As a wife _____ her husbands over time, the man may get angry and then _____. Or he gradually takes the verbal abuse, becomes a _____ man, and retreats. He then will look to other _____ to receive the respect he needs and craves.
- E. Never let the _____ come out of your mouth. Proverbs 18:21
- F. A wife who _____ herself sexually from her husband also diminishes her man. The holy, GOD-ordained sexual experience a godly wife gives her husband on a _____ basis is life-giving, and maybe the most _____ thing she can do for him. Genesis 2:24 It is one of the GOD-ordained ways that a marriage _____ strong over the decades. It is about giving the _____ love that only a godly wife can give her husband. It also shuts the door of deadly temptation _____ brings to every marriage. 1 Cor. 7:4-5
- G. Learning to respect a far-from-perfect husband is a Grace-Given _____, that can be _____ by faith. "Well he doesn't deserve it!" OR "I am not giving respect until he _____ loves me."
- H. Respect means that you decide before GOD ... to never _____, _____, or _____ ... about anyone ... but especially to or about your husband. **Ephesians 4:29** Life _____ a man down. Wives, don't join in this demonic _____ of the one that GOD made you _____ with. Both partners always _____ in the end. (and it brings instability to the kids)
- I. Respect means that you _____ before you speak. Respect means that you _____ your spouse daily. You replace resentment with _____. And you _____ him every single time he gets it right. What you _____ ... you get _____.

Why Not Strategically Invest in your Marriage?

"Grace Marriage" – This Saturday, August 13th at COS – 8:15am till 12:30pm
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