

“The Beautiful Mystery of Marriage” – Part 2 Ephesians 5

Below are the things GOD wants a Husband to do for his Wife: (what every Wife needs)

1. _____ **his wife. V.25** – (6 X’s) Most men have _____ been loved unconditionally, so they do not know _____ to love their wives as CHRIST loved the Church.
 - A. The Great News: The Holy Spirit can _____ how to love your wife.
 - B. We also learn to love by _____ ... by acts of _____, by being thoughtful, by serving others, by giving uplifting words, instead of _____ words, and by forgiving automatically.
 - C. A wife needs her husband _____ with her, and to listen to her. She wants him to _____ about what is going on in his life. This helps her feel _____.
 - D. Set _____ time to talk with her several times a week. (with no TV, cell phone) Sit on the porch. Go out for breakfast. Go for a ride. Walk together.
 - E. Men, this is not about perfection, but _____. This will make her feel more _____ and more loved than anything else.
2. _____ **himself up for her. John 15:13, Mt. 16:25** This does not mean that a man sacrifices himself once for his wife in his lifetime. It means that JESUS intends for a man to live _____, sacrificially for his wife, _____ of their marriage.
3. _____ **her. V.26.** To sanctify means to _____. It means to make something or someone _____, and different from all others. It is the process of growing in _____ and stability. This is best done by example, not by _____.

Husbands, are you:

In the Word? Do you have a consistent, personal _____ life?
 Faithful in _____ worship? In a small group? Are you serving?
 Free from _____ sins? The _____ you do, the better she will do.

4. _____ **her. V.26** A husband’s clean and _____ heart reflects into and inspires the heart of his wife. _____ in a man causes him to pull away from his wife, which causes him to distance himself from her. Lust also creates _____ in a man. “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall _____ GOD” Mt. 5:8
 - * The best washing of our hearts is by the _____. If a man continually feeds on the Word of GOD, his _____ will become full. The overflow of this, causes his wife to _____ GOD’s Presence, too. Psalm 119:9,11
 - * IF you want to _____ in your Faith ... a multitude of Discipleship Groups start up in weeks.

5. _____ **her ... in all her glory. V.27** The husband is the _____ of his home. He is _____ to GOD as a go-between between the Holy One and his family. In this world we will have spots, wrinkles, blemishes. But in the next life, those will be _____. A faithful husband realizes by his own example he can help his wife grow and become _____ like CHRIST. This is done best, by example.
6. **Love her, as he loves _____; as his own body. V.28** A man naturally cares for and protects _____. He does _____ naturally love his wife. He pursues her until he _____ her, then he turns his focus to his career, hobbies, etc. This is because a man gets his _____ outside the home. Genesis 3:17-19 But a wise husband hears the LORD say to him, "Focus on ME first, and then your _____, above everything else."
7. **To _____ her. V.29** A wise husband trades in his fleshly view of how he sees life, to the new focus of meeting his wife's needs _____, before he meets or considers his own needs. He asks the Holy Spirit, "LORD, what does my wife need to _____, and to stay healthy?"
8. **To _____ her. V.29** A good husband would never demean his wife, Because next to JESUS, she is his most _____. Proverbs 18:22, Proverbs 31:10 So, Husbands be _____ with your wives. Never be rough with them.
9. **To _____.** **V.31** – A young married couple needs to _____ their dependence on their first family, to then create the identity of their new home, by depending on CHIRST and each other. (Parents, _____; emotionally, physically, spiritually)
10. **To _____ to her. V.31** – This union is to be intimate, permanent, and _____. "The two become one flesh" ... One Team, One Focus, One Purpose. This bond is to Grow _____ with each passing year.

Application for Husbands:

1. Set a goal to pray with your wife every day. Husbands, you initiate this.
2. Tell her daily that you love her.
3. Determine to serve her daily. Do one thing daily that she wants or needs.
4. Commit to treating her better than anyone else in the world.

"It is a profound mystery" V.32

