

God's Plan for the Husband

Ephesians 5:25-33

Marriage is something that requires constant love and attention. It demands flexibility and forgiveness!! I see husbands giving up their role as leader over to an already overloaded wife. As a result, families are out of whack, spiritual things are not addressed, and Satan is having a field day with Christian families!!

- One of the biggest tragedies in the Christian home is when the husband fails to take the spiritual lead that God commands.
- Now some wives refuse to be led. Maybe it's because she, out of necessity, had to take the lead because the husband for so long was completely detached.
- Now, a lot of husband's never were taught how to lead spiritually, and some are afraid to fail. But families don't have to fail!!!, homes don't have to be divided; marriages don't have to be dissolved. Husbands, you CAN LEAD YOUR FAMILY!!! YOU CAN LEAD YOUR HOME!!!
- Our time together today isn't meant to be condemnation on husbands over the past. That's what the Devil does. Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk after the flesh, but according to the spirit."
- Husband's did you know that your wives submission to you is a direct response to your love toward you. You cannot demand submission! That's called a tyrant!!

- Let's look at the phrase "Love your wives." Vs. 25,28,33. Did you notice Paul's repetition? Husbands love your wives.
- The Greek language has three words to describe love. EROS: speaks of sexual love. PHILEO: speaks of a friendly, brotherly love. AGAPE: speaks of a sacrificial love of actions!!
- Paul doesn't use EROS or PHILEO in vs. 25. He says we are to love our wives with AGAPE love!! Sacrificial love.
- Most husbands don't have a problem with PHILEO love, hanging out as friends, or even EROS love, as a matter of fact; some husbands only view their wives in this way. But real love sacrifices!! We see this played out in the pages of the Bible. Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrated His love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us."
 - Real love acts, Real love sacrifices, Real love gives willingly!!
- Men the essence of love is sacrifice: Yielding your priorities and goals to the service and sacrifice towards your wife. Matthew 20:28 " Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many."
- Men spiritual love is the cement that keeps the home together. It's what makes leadership and submission to leadership possible.
- Men your wife is your ministry!! Did you know that your wife is the main testimony of God's work in your life and home? How can you say that Pastor? Because if your wife isn't convinced you've changed then no one else will be convinced either.
 - So how do we do all of that?

1. Dwell with her: That simply means to spend time with her. Women spell love like this: T.I.M.E! Your home isn't a pit stop between all of the activities that you have. You know like, golf, meeting, softball, work..... You get the hint.

2. Understand her: Your wife is so special and unique. Talk to her. Very few men talk with their wives. A husband came home from work and his wife said, honey are you ready for some super sex? He thought about it and said, "What kind of soup did you make?"
 - Guys, your wife has to know that she is your #1 interest!! And that she is more fascinating to you than anything else.

3. Give her honor. She needs to feel that she is valued. She needs to know that your heart beats only for her.

Conclusion: I've never married a couple that that had the attitude, "If this doesn't work out, I'll just give it another go, No worries!