God's Counsel Regarding Marriage

Life in Christ: Wealth, Walk, Warfare (Ephesians) – Part 137
Ephesians 5:33 (with review of vv. 22-32)

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[18] And do not get drunk with wine, in which is reckless waste,[1] but *instead* be filled with[2] the Spirit, …[21] by subordinating yourselves to one another in the fear of Christ: [22] wives, to your own husbands, as to the Lord, [23] because the husband is the head of the wife, as also Christ *is* the Head of the church, Himself *being* the Savior of the body. [24] But as the church subordinates itself to Christ, thus also wives, to their husbands, in everything.

[25] Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church, and delivered Himself up for her, [26] in order that He might make her holy by cleansing *her* by the washing of water with the Word, [27] in order that He Himself might present the church to Himself *as* radiant,[3] not having spot or wrinkle or any such things, but *instead* that she might be holy and blameless. [28] Thus also the husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. [29] For no one ever hated his own flesh, but *instead* nourishes and cherishes it, just as also Christ *does* the church, [30] because we are members[4] of His body.

[31] "For this reason a man will leave behind his father and his mother, and will be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."[5] [32] This mystery is profound,[6] but I am saying *it* with reference to Christ, and with reference to the church.

[33] Nevertheless also you, let each individual one thus love his own wife as himself, and the wife, that she respect[7] her husband.

(Ephesians 5:18, 21-33 DJP)

Introduction:

I. Final Word To _____ (v. 33a)

A. God's _____ection

B. God's _____ection

1. The _____ (v. 33a)

2. The _____ (vv. ____-____)
   a. The nature of marriage (vv. ____-____)

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[1] Or *profligacy, indulgence.*
[2] Or *by*.
[3] Or *glorious.*
[4] I.e. body-parts.
[5] Quoting Genesis 2:24.
[6] Or *great*.
[7] Literally *fears*, verb form of noun in v. 21 (*the fear of Christ*).

b. The example of _____ (vv. ____-____)

II. Final Word To Wives (v. 33b)

A. _____ _____ection

B. God's Direction

1. The rule (v. 33b)

2. The rationale (vv. ____-____, ____-____

a. The nature of marriage (vv. 31-32)

b. The example of _____ _____ (vv. 22-24)

III. Final Word To All

A. Remember Who _____ _____

B. Remember Who _____ _____