

# Spirit-Filled Marriage: Receiving Benefits and Being Beneficial

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**Benefits of being a husband:** How being married changes a man for the better. Proverbs 12:4; 18:22; 19:14

- Character-building benefits of responsibility and duty; personal growth and maturity
- Humility
- The skill of self-disregard
- Satisfaction in a job well-done
- The joy of getting it right

## **The Downside to Being a Husband**

- Restrictions on personal comfort and freedom
- Dealing closely with another person's sins and sin nature
- Paul warns against distractions from the mission, 1 Cor 7

**Benefits of having a wife:** Honoring God's Blessing of a Wife

- The sanctification of honest communication
- Companionship, affection, etc.
- **Help**
- The wonderful, indescribable gift of womanhood

## **Being a beneficial husband to your wife**

- Summary: Eph 5:25-26: love her self-sacrificially by communicating with her for her sanctification both to you and to the Lord.
- Always keep an eye on the eternal future while assessing and guiding in the present; how will she fare at the Judgment Seat?
- Emphasize gratitude for the benefits of having a wife without entertaining unrealistic expectations of her.
- Consciously choose to enjoy and appreciate the benefits of having a wife.
- Recognize the benefits of being a husband on a daily basis and is grateful for them.