

Marriage by Divine Design, Part 5: Another Word to Husbands Ephesians 5:25-30

Marriage is _____ ... in a Christian marriage, we are _____ the enemy himself (see Ephesians 6:10-18).

A husband's orders: _____ your wife like Jesus by _____ her to Jesus.

_____ a husband loves his wife:

- For the same reason that Christ loves the church—to _____ her and set her apart for Himself as a beautiful bride.
- Love is a _____, all-in commitment to the _____ of another.
- Men, why do you love your wife? Does it mirror Jesus' love for you? And so, you are all about her holiness? Here is the kicker ... you cannot lead your wife to Jesus if you aren't following Jesus. You cannot lead your wife to pursue holiness if you are not pursuing holiness. You cannot lead your wife to go somewhere you aren't going. It's about why you love her and it's about ...

_____ a husband loves his wife:

1) He _____ her.

- Jesus _____ us ... 2 Peter 1:3; John 15
- It's not about the _____ you make; it's about the _____ you take.
- You nourish her physically, emotionally and _____.

2) He _____ her.

- The word literally means "to _____."
Psalm 91:4, "He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler."
➤ Ray Ortlund: "When a woman is married to a lovingly Christlike man who cherishes her, she feels warmth in her heart at being valued by her husband and held dear above all others, second only to Christ himself. Her husband doesn't compare her with others or find fault with her or treat her as a loser he is stuck with. That would break her heart. Instead, her husband delights in her and prizes her, and she feels it deep inside with a heart-warming glow."
➤ One of the ways you cherish your wife is to consistently _____ your _____ to her.

Jesus to us: Matthew 28:20, "And behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."