

# “A MAN AND HIS MARRIAGE”

## Ephesians 5:25-29

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“When home is ruled according to God’s Word,’ said Charles Haddon Spurgeon, ‘angels might be asked to stay with us, and they would not find themselves out of their element.’

The trouble is that many homes are not governed by God’s Word – even homes where the members are professing Christians – and the consequences are tragic. Instead of angels being guests in some homes, it seems that demons are the masters. Too many marriages end in the divorce court, and nobody knows how many husbands and wives are emotionally divorced even though they share the same address. The poet William Cowper called the home, ‘the only bliss of Paradise that has surviv’d the Fall,’ but too many homes are an outpost of hell instead of a parcel of paradise.” *Be Rich*, Warren Wiersbe, pp. 48-49

The only thing that can transform a “hellish” home into a heavenly household is the Spirit of God working through the Word of God. Let’s see how this might look in the man of God who is called to be a husband.

## THE EPHESIAN CHALLENGE

- Paul is calling the Ephesians...
  1. Stop living like spiritual **paupers**.
  2. Consider your **calling** ... how you act is a **reflection** on the truth of the Christian **life**.

## HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES

- The Scriptures call husbands to:
  - Love **sacrificially**.
    - ✓ Christ's giving of Himself was not in return for any **favor**, **recognition**, or sign of **allegiance**.
    - Note: Jacob's love – Genesis 29:19
  - **Set** their wives **apart** as **special**.
    - ✓ Washing ... speaks of **regeneration** (Titus 3:5).
    - ✓ The picture ... on a continued basis we are **reminded** that our relationship to Christ make us "**special**" in His eyes, no offenses are "**on record**," and every day this love is **renewed**!

- **Serve** in a way that will settle.

➤ Verse 28 – “as their own bodies...”

- ✓ “As” does not mean “**in the same way as**” but “because she **is** your **body!**”
- ✓ Nourish = Feed to **maturity** - speaks to **investment**.
- ✓ Cherish = To warm through **body heat** - speaks to **proximity** and **protection**.

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