

## GOD'S BLUEPRINT FOR MARRIAGE

( Ephesians 5:22-33 )

1. INTRODUCTION ( and the "big idea" )

2. SUBMISSION

3. WIVES ( vv 22-24 )

- A) The matter of submission
- B) The manner of submission
- C) The motive of submission
- D) The model of submission

4. HUSBANDS ( vv 25-33 )

- A) The manner of love
  - 1) Sacrificial
  - 2) Purifying
  - 3) Caring
  - 4) Unbreakable
- B) The motive of love

1. What part of the message had the biggest impact on you?
2. Have you ever taken something ( orally or written) out of context? If so, what was the end result?
3. What is the most challenging aspect of submission or "being subject to" those in authority over you? If you have grown in this area, how so?
4. Have you experienced ( whether in current marriage or a previous marriage ) a spouse who struggled with Paul's instructions in verses 22-24? If so, what impact did it have on you?
5. The command to love our wives, as Christ loved the Church, is a powerful and challenging command. In what way(s) are you having success in this area? In what way(s) are you struggling? How can you turn that around?
6. What are examples of the many challenges Christian marriages face today? How can they be defeated?

"God the Father, in His wisdom, has ordered human relationships so that they rightly reflect one's submission to Christ, as well as his/her dependence on the Holy Spirit"

