



### ***Marriage Homework – Homework for Husbands – Ephesians 5:22-33***

*<sup>22</sup> Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup> For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup> Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.*

*<sup>25</sup> Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup> that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup> so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup> In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup> because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup> “Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup> This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup> However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

#### Questions for the Husband:

1. How does the way you lead affect your wife’s ability to follow? (vs. 22)
2. Describe for me what it means that a husband is the head of the wife? (vs. 23)
3. What makes the church’s submission to Christ a good description of submission? (vs. 24)
4. What do you believe it means that your wife must submit in everything? (vs. 24)
5. What does the author mean when he says that Husbands ought to love their wife as Christ loved the Church? (vs. 25)

6. Describe sacrificial or sensitive love? Give 2 examples of where this is happening in your marriage. (vs. 25)
  
7. Describe how your leadership furthers your wife's sanctification? (vs. 26-27)
  
8. What does it mean for a husband to love their wife "as they love their own body?" (vs. 28-29 - cf. Philippians 2:3-4)
  
9. Describe 2 areas in your marriage where you believe you are experience unity/oneness? (vs. 31)
  
10. Describe 2 areas in your marriage where you believe you are experiencing a lack of unity/oneness? (vs. 31)
  
11. What does it mean in this passage that a wife should respect her husband? (vs. 33)
  
12. Describe one area where you believe your wife is not respecting your leadership? (vs. 33)
  
13. What are some attitudes/behaviors that have contributed to a lack of respect? (vs. 33)