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"Submit yourselves, then, to God..." - James 4:7

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God's Directive for Husbands

"Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God." - 1 Corinthians 11:3

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,²⁷ and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church —³⁰ for we are members of His body.³¹ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."³² This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church.³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." - Ephesians 5:25-33

- This passage assumes the submission of a husband to Jesus Christ and the filling of the Holy Spirit.

"Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit." - Ephesians 5:18

A husband is told to love his wife . . .

1. Sacrificially —
2. Selflessly —
3. Singularly —

Guiding Principles for a Husband

- "As Christ loved the Church" (v. 25 and 29)
- "As he loves his own body" (v. 28)
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Two Things that Men Say

"I think I love my wife too much."

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How Does a Man Show This Love to His Wife?

1. **Friend** — *philia*

Some aspects of friendship?

- Interests -
- Fun -
- Communication -

"I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you." - John 15:15

2. **Lover** — *eros*

- The Bible is not silent here! (see also 1 Corinthians 7:1-5)

"If a man has recently married, he must not be sent to war or have any other duty laid on him. For one year he is to be free to stay at home and bring happiness to the wife he has married." - Deuteronomy 24:5

3. **Partner** — *storgé*

- To teach each other and learn together!

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- To care for children and family. To be a team! (31)

4. **Knight** — *agapé*

"It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." - 1 Cor. 13:7

- a. It is protective
- b. It is unselfish
- c. It is all-consuming
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