

Christ in the Home

“Husbands”

Colossians 3:19

Main Point: Husbands are to love their wives sacrificially.

Introduction

- What picture does our culture give of a husband's role in the family?

Understanding

1. Husbands Love Your Wives. Read Colossians 3:19.

- a. Why was it a radical idea for a husband to love his wife in the Greco-Roman world? In the Jewish culture?

- b. How is a husband loving his wife an elevating statement? What kind of love for his wife does God command for the husband?

- c. What does Warren Weirsbe mean when he writes, “Love is not a passing emotion. Love is a continual devotion?”

- d. Explain each of the four types of love.
- i. Eros
 - ii. Storge
 - iii. Phileo
 - iv. Agape
- e. Which type of love is the superior of the four words for love mentioned? What makes this love superior? Where does this type of love come from?
- f. Carefully read 1 Corinthians 13:5-8. Of these characteristics of agape love, which one(s) do you find most lacking in your life? What are you willing to do to work on this characteristic?
- g. If a husband is practicing agape love how does it transform his authority in the home?
- h. What makes submission to her husband easier for a wife?
- i. Is there evidence of the fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life, as described in Galatians 5:22-23? Explain.

For the following questions, refer to Ephesians 5:25-33.

j. How does a husband love his wife as Christ loved the church? How can a husband practically implement sacrificial love toward his wife?

k. What is sanctifying love?

l. How can a husband practically implement sanctifying love toward his wife?

m. What do the words nourish and cherish mean in Ephesians 5:28-29?

n. How can a husband practically implement affectionate love toward his wife?

2. Do not be Harsh with Your Wife.

a. Describe from Ephesians 5:31 and Genesis 2:24 what is meant by leaving and cleaving?

b. How can a husband practically implement unbreakable love toward his wife?

- c. How does bitterness enter a marriage? How can bitterness affect a marriage?

- d. What does Jesus say about divorce in Matthew 19:8-9?

- e. What consequences can occur if a husband fails to love his wife as commanded? Refer to Matthew 19:8-9, and 1 Peter 3:7.

- f. Read Ephesians 4:32. How can this verse be applied to the marriage relationship?

Application

- Spend time in prayer seeking the Lord for how to be a better husband or wife. Jot down any insights the Lord gives you.