

SERIES: Ephesians  
**Husbands, Love Your Wives**  
Ephesians 5:25-30

**The Problem: Sin Affects All of Us**

- Sin's effect on men...
  - Passive: Spineless \_\_\_\_\_ of his responsibility.
  - Aggressive: Selfish \_\_\_\_\_ of his authority.
  - He will experience pain in his role of \_\_\_\_\_.
- Sin's effect on women...
  - Passive: Spineless \_\_\_\_\_ of any responsibility.
  - Aggressive: Selfish \_\_\_\_\_ against authority.
  - She will experience pain in her role of \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Call to Protect: Husbands, Love Your Wife as Christ Loved His Bride (5:25-27)**

- Love her with a \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - Lay down your life, even if you have to suffer...
    - Love is not a feeling, but an \_\_\_\_\_.
    - Love is not primarily what you say, but what you \_\_\_\_\_.
- Love her with a \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - Live to serve your wife...
    - Take the role of a \_\_\_\_\_-hearted leader.
    - Take the role of a \_\_\_\_\_-like servant.
- Love her with a \_\_\_\_\_ love.
  - Look after her soul...
    - A husband should not primarily be concerned for his wife's short-term \_\_\_\_\_.
    - A husband should be concerned for her long-term \_\_\_\_\_.

**The Call to Provide: Husbands, Love Your Wives as You Love Your Bodies (5:28-30)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ her.
- \_\_\_\_\_ her.

**Putting It All Together: Lead By Providing and Protecting Your Wife**

- Spiritual provision
- Physical provision
- Spiritual protection
- Physical protection

*"A Christian man is obligated to lead his family to the best of his ability ... If his family has purchased too many items on credit, then the financial crunch is ultimately his fault. If the family never reads the Bible or seldom goes to church on Sunday, God holds the man to blame. If the children are disrespectful and disobedient, the primary responsibility lies with the father ... not his wife ... In my view, America's greatest need is for husbands to begin guiding their families, rather than pouring every physical and emotional resource into the mere acquisition of money."*

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- Sin's effect on men...
  - Passive: Spineless **abdication** of his responsibility.
  - Aggressive: Selfish **abuse** of his authority.
  - He will experience pain in his role of **breadwinning**.
- Sin's effect on women...
  - Passive: Spineless **dismissal** of any responsibility.
  - Aggressive: Selfish **defiance** against authority.
  - She will experience pain in her role of **childbearing**.

**The Call to Protect: Husbands, Love Your Wife as Christ Loved His Bride (5:25-27)**

- Love her with a **sacrificial** love.
  - Lay down your life, even if you have to suffer...
    - Love is not a feeling, but an **action**.
    - Love is not primarily what you say, but what you **do**.
- Love her with a **selfless** love.
  - Live to serve your wife...
    - Take the role of a **lion**-hearted leader.
    - Take the role of a **lamb**-like servant.
- Love her with a **sanctifying** love.
  - Look after her soul...
    - A husband should not primarily be concerned for his wife's short-term **happiness**.
    - A husband should be concerned for her long-term **holiness**.

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- **Nourish** her.
- **Cherish** her.

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