

Finding Security & Significance Note Answers

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Ephesians 5:21-33

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Main Point: A ministry mindset in marriage means serving your spouse.

Preliminary Points

1. A good marriage is more than being with the right person; it's _____ the right person.
2. We must reclaim marriage as a _____ from God because it has been demeaned, denounced, discouraged and redefined by many in our culture (Hebrews 13:4)
3. If you are in an abusive and dangerous relationship, please find a safe place and get some _____.

Submit to One Another

1. We are called to _____ submit to our spouses by focusing on their interest, concerns and needs (Philippians 2:3).
2. Think of marriage as cultivating a _____ (1 Corinthians 3:6-9).
3. Good gardens, like good marriages, don't happen by accident. They take _____.
4. Marriage is a _____ of the gospel.
5. Tim Keller – "The purpose of marriage is to help your spouse become his or her future glory self through sacrificial _____."
6. The husband's privilege is to symbolically represent the church in its _____ to the Lord Jesus Christ, its Head.
7. Gardening roles differ for husbands and wives, but the principle of submissive humility is the _____ for both (Ephesians 5:22-23).

Responsibilities of the Wife

1. This passage teaches that the wife has one primary responsibility, to _____ to their husbands, as to the Lord (Ephesians 5:22-23).
 - The emphasis is upon submitting to _____.
 - The idea is being _____ to Christ in a like manner submit to your husbands.
 - Submission to your husband is to be a _____ and outworking of your submission to Christ (1 Corinthians 11:3).
2. Submit comes from an old military word meaning "to _____ line up under for the sake of order."
 - The idea is to give up one's own _____.
3. Husbands and wives are equal before God, but they are not _____.
4. You will not be able to submit to anyone unless you have first surrendered to the _____ (Colossians 3:18).
5. Submission will always be a _____ (Genesis 3:16).
6. Submitting to our husbands is designed to be a _____.
 - Wives have a lot to _____. As helpers to our husbands we bring all of this to our marriage relationship.
 - Discussions that include both husband and wife sharing their points of view is _____.
 - Betsy Corning – "If you come to a point where you just cannot agree, and your husband is not asking you to sin, then you are to _____ your will to his."
7. Ultimately, it comes down to intentionally _____ God.

The Husband's Responsibility

1. Paul instructs us to _____ our wives.
 - Only as we love our wife, can we provide _____ leadership for her.
 - This kind of love give freely, sacrificially and unconditionally..._____ of the response.
2. Four ways to love his wife from this passage.
 - With _____ love (Ephesians 5:25).
 - Demonstrated by Christ by the way He gave Himself up for the church.
 - Husbands are not to be _____ (Colossians 3:19).
 - Husbands are not to be _____ (1 Peter 3:7).
 - With _____ love (Ephesians 5:26-27).
 - Sanctify means "to set _____ and be holy."
 - "Cleansed" is the idea of " _____ from filth."
 - Just as Jesus will present us in splendor, without spot or stain, so husbands are to help make their wives _____.
 - One of our key roles is to help our wives reach maturity in Christ, _____ them up every chance we get.
 - With _____ love (Ephesians 5:28-31).
 - We are called not only to provide a positive spiritual environment, but also to care for our wives physically and _____ as well.
 - Cherishes means "to soften with heat and has the idea of external protection through _____ care, concern and comfort."
 - You'll burn out your marriage if you try to do it all in your _____ strength without the tools and tasks God has given you.
 - As husbands our responsibility is to love our wives by holding things together in the home and _____ an environment for growth and fruitfulness.
 - A husband is not _____ better or more special than his spouse (Ephesians 5:31, Genesis 2:24, Matthew 19:5).
 - Husbands are called to be _____ leaders.
 - With _____ love (Ephesians 5:32).
 - When God brings a man and woman together in marriage, they are to be a _____ of the mysterious relationship between Jesus as the groom and the church as His bride.
 - Mystery refers to a symbolic _____.
 - Profound means "great in _____ and stature."

Love and Respect (Ephesians 5:33)

1. There is not a more definitive statement of God's ideal for marriage than this: "However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."
 - Husbands are to love _____ and sacrificially, putting his wife's needs before his own.
 - He is to be attentive and affectionate and meet her need for _____.
2. According to Eggerichs, women spell love with the acrostic COUPLE.
 - **C**loseness
 - **O**peness
 - **U**nderstanding
 - **P**eacemaking
 - **L**oyalty
 - **E**steem
3. Wives are to reinforce and meet a husband's need for _____ by noticing him, valuing him, and esteeming him.

4. Men spell respect with the acrostic CHAIRS:
 - Conquest
 - Hierarchy
 - Authority
 - Insight
 - Relationship
 - Sexuality
5. When a couple is having _____, the real issue is often the wife is not being loved and the husband is not being respected.
 - Wives are made to love, want to love, and expect love. Husbands are made to be respected, want respect, and expect respect.
 - When a husband feels disrespected, it is especially hard to love his wife. When a wife feels unloved, it is especially hard to respect her husband.
 - Without love from him, she reacts without respect toward him; without respect from her, he reacts without love toward her.
6. Both husbands and wives are to work at _____ their responsibilities regardless of how their spouse responds.
 - My response is _____ responsibility.
7. The way to stop the crazy cycle is for one spouse to make the first move and _____ living out your responsibility.

Action Steps

1. Get some _____.
 - *Love and Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs
 - *A Christ-centered Wedding: Rejoicing in the Gospel on Your Big Day* by Katherine Parks and Linda Strode
 - *5 Love Languages* by Gary Chapman
 - *Sacred Marriage* by Gary Thomas
 - *Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts: 7 Questions to Ask Before You Get Married* by Les and Leslie Parrot
 - *Cultivating a Healthy Marriage* by Tim and Kathy Keller (podcast)
 - *The Crazy Cycle* by Emerson Eggerichs (Right Now Media)
 - *Love Talk* by Les and Leslie Parrot (Right Now Media)
 - *His Needs, Her Needs* by Bill and Joyce Harley (Right Now Media)
 - *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim and Kathy Keller (Right Now Media)
2. Obey with _____ even if you don't feel like it.
3. Husbands, get in the habit of saying, "I _____ you" to your wife and show that you do every day.
4. Wives, get in the habit of saying, "I _____ you" and show that you do every day.
5. Practice saying, "Please _____ me" because you're going to need it.

The Ultimate Marriage Builder

1. This section follows immediately after Paul's teaching about being _____ with the Spirit in Ephesians 5:18.
2. The filling of the Holy Spirit leads to a garden filled with the _____ of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23).
3. The Lord is mentioned _____ times in this passage.
 - "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." Psalm 121:1