

Family Love

in the Church

(PART TWO)

The Relationship Between Husbands and Wives

A good wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rottenness in his bones.

Proverbs 12:6

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

1Corinthians 7:3

- ☺ *Love is closely associated with _ _ _ _ _ smelling fragrances (as pictured in the Song of Songs) As we love, we become spiritually fragrant*
- ☺ *Agape love is made up of at least _ _ different aspects, as mentioned in 1Corinthians 13*
- ☺ *Agape love is not a thing to be _ _ _ _ for our own ends.*
- ☺ *Agape love relates to the _ _ _ _ . The husband and father is the one responsible for setting the tone of agape love in the _ _ _ _ _ .*
- ☺ *The nucleus of this agape love within the family springs out of the relationship between the husband and his _ _ _ _ _*

The Nucleus of a Home

- The nucleus of a _ _ _ _ _ is a husband and a wife.

(Eph 5:22-24 NNAS) Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

- Their relationship together needs to be founded, not on eros, or phileo love, but on _ _ _ _ _ love.
- When a married couple is functioning in agape love, eros and phileo love will _ _ _ _ accordingly.
- The basis of this agape love between husband and _ _ _ _ is found in Ephesians 5:22-33.
 1. Wives are addressed first! They are told to *submit* to their husbands.
 2. Husbands are told to nurture their wives. This is to be done like Christ does the Church.
- As a wife do you love, honour, _ _ _ _ , and respect your husband in sickness and in health, in times of poverty and times of plenty, and keep your affections only unto him?

- As a wife do you look to your husband as your master? Or do you look to your mother, or your father as your _____?

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. 7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

1Peter 3

Competing or Complimenting?

- As a married couple, do you seek to compliment your partner's _____nesses?
- As a married couple do you _____ with your spouse?
- As a married couple do you seek to _____ your partner to help them grow as a person?
- Do you pray together? Do you read God's Word together? Do you seek God's mind together? Do you _____ each other?

Rebuilding A Broken Marriage

1. It takes _____. Genuine "I'm sorry"s are needed.
2. It takes open and _____ communication.
3. It only needs both of ____ (not a third party).
4. It _____ sacrifice.
5. It means starting with friendship _____.

Building A Blessed Marriage

1. Spend time together.
2. Talk with each other.
3. Pray together.
4. Understand each other.

Next lesson: *Love from the Home: Hospitality and Ministry.*