

NEXT WEEK:
Read Chapter 6:5-9

Week 7 Message Notes:

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Eph. 5.21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** 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 5:21-33

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Christ modeled submission to His Father through:

1. Intimacy
2. Cooperation
3. Honor

How a wife can apply Christ's model of submission to her husband

1. Seek God's best for my husband.
2. Don't nag him.
3. Prioritize building your character.
4. Develop a disposition that makes your husband wants to be around.

Christ's relationship with the church is a model for a husband's relationship with his wife.

1. Serve : through putting her first.
2. Sacrifice : through paying a price as a husband.
3. Sanctify : through helping fulfill her purpose in life.

How a husband can apply Christ's model of submission to his wife

1. Get serious about growing spiritually.
2. Bring out her best.
3. Pay attention to her needs by becoming a student of your wife.
4. Stay a one woman man.

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