

Keys to Great Marriage (Ephesians 5:21-33)

I. A word to the wife: _____ to your husband.

Wives, submit to your husbands . . . Ephesians 5:22 (NIV)

A. Things to remember:

- 1. Paul is writing to _____.**
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to the saints in Ephesus, the faithful in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 1:1 (NIV)

- 2. Submission has to do not so much with the _____ of authority as it does the _____ of authority.**

The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church . . . Ephesians 5:23 (MES)

B. How should wives submit to their husbands?

- 1. You should submit _____.**
Wives, submit to your husbands . . .

- 2. You should submit _____.**
Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands . . . Ephesians 5:24 (NIV)

- 3. You should submit _____.**
. . . wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Ephesians 5:24 (NIV)

II. A word to the husband: _____ your wife. *Husbands, love your wives . . . Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)*

- A. Love your wife _____.**
Husbands, be loving your wives . . . Ephesians 5:25 (Wuest)

- B. Love your wife _____.**
Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. . . Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Ephesians 5:25 (MES)

- C. Love your wife _____.**
Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her . . . and that is how husbands ought to love their wives. Ephesians 5:26-27 (NIV)

- D. Love your wife _____.**
In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church—for we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. Ephesians 5:28-31 (NIV)

They're [the husbands] really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage. Ephesians 5:28 (MES)

III. A word to both husbands and wives: _____ Christ. *Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)*