

We Are Family: When a Man Loves a Woman
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Proverbs 18:22 NKJ

He who finds a wife finds a good thing, and obtains favor from the LORD.

Proverbs 18:22 CEV

A man's greatest treasure is his wife—she is a gift from the LORD.

Ephesians 5:25-29 NKJ

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.

Five Important Statements About Love:

1. A man is to love his wife unconditionally. (vs. 25)
2. A man is to love his wife sacrificially. (vs. 25)
3. A man is to love his wife with sanctity. (vs. 26-27)
4. A man is to love his wife reflectively. (vs. 28)
5. A man is to love his wife carefully. (vs. 29)

"THE STATE OF A MAN'S WIFE IS A REFLECTION OF THE STATE OF A MAN'S LIFE."

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Philippians 2:6-7 NIV

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the

very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

Sacrifice:

- SACRIFICE TO LISTEN AND COMMUNICATE.
- SACRIFICE TO DO THINGS SHE ENJOYS.
- SACRIFICE TO HELP AROUND THE HOUSE.
- SACRIFICE TO SPEND TIME WITH THE CHILDREN.
- SACRIFICE TO STAY PHYSICALLY FIT.
- SACRIFICE TO ROMANCE.

3. A MAN IS TO LOVE HIS WIFE WITH SANCTITY.

SANCTITY: THE STATE OF BEING HOLY, GODLY, VIRTUOUS

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Priest vs. Prophet:

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| • PRIEST: PRIVATE LIFE | PROPHET: PUBLIC LIFE |
| • PRIEST: HUMILITY | PROPHET: RESPECT |
| • PRIEST: PRAYING | PROPHET: PROCLAIMING |
| • PRIEST: GETS THE WORD | PROPHET: GIVES OUT THE WORD |
| • PRIEST: SACRIFICE | PROPHET: AUTHORITY |

4. A MAN IS TO LOVE HIS WIFE REFLECTIVELY.

Ephesians 5:28 NKJ

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

5. A MAN IS TO LOVE HIS WIFE CAREFULLY.

Ephesians 5:29 NKJ

For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church.