

# SACRED RELATIONSHIPS



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Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 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. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:15-24



Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. 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." This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:25-33



# THE FLOW OF MARRIAGE

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GOD



GOD IS LOVE



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# Spirit-generated Communication

Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 5:19-20



# Mutual Submission

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21



# Standing Structure

Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:22



GOD  
PROVISION WILL PROTECTION



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# Man as the Head

**Priest** – gives face to God

**Protector** – gives face to the darkness

**Provider** – gives face to world

**Partner** – gives face to spouse

**Pilgrim** – gives face to the Church



# Woman as the Neck

- **Submit** – be compliant
  - Submit: to yield, to defer or consent to abide by
- **Serve** – be cooperative
  - Serve: to assist, to be of use, to work through
- **Support** – be catering
  - Support: to keep going; to hold up
- **Soothe** – be comforting
  - Soothe: to alleviate from grief or anxiety