

The Structure of a Healthy Home (Part 1)
Husband – Wife Relationship

Ephesians 5:21-33

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submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (Eph.5:21).

“Christian marriages and families are to be radically different from those of the world. The relationships between husbands and wives and parents and children is to be so bathed in humility, love, and mutual submission that the authority of husbands and parents, though exercised when necessary, become almost invisible and the submission of wives and children is no more than acting in the spirit of gracious love.”

- John MacArthur

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This is part of a Christian wife's commitment to Christ – *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.*

For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. (v.23)

Both men and women were created equally
in the image of God.

*So God created man in his own image, in
the image of God he created him; male
and female he created them. (Gen.1:27).*

All human beings are of equal worth,
dignity, and value.

III. Christian Relationships in the Home: Instructions to Husbands (vv.25-33).

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Husbands love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her (v.25).

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In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself (v.28).

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However, let each one of you love his wife as himself (v.33a).

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A husband should also love his wife as he
loves himself (vv.28-31).

And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you.

But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45).