

Entrust Loving our Wives 10/1/26

I. Introduction:

Strengthening our Love for our Wives

1. The importance of loving our wives

Ephesians 5:24-27 as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives *ought to be* to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, ²⁶ so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷ that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

2. The strength to love our wives:

a. The prior love of Christ

1 John 4:19 We love, because He first loved us.

b. The power of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-19 do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord

c. The presence of Christ in us

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

d. The provision of God's word

1 Timothy 1:5 the goal of our instruction is **love from a pure heart** and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

3. The ways to love our wives:

➤ Compatibility?

1) Love continually

Eph 5:25a – Husbands, love your wives”

2) Love sacrificially

Eph 5:25 – “Christ...gave Himself up for her”

3) Love exclusively, or loyally

Eph 5:25 – “love your wives”

4) Love edifyingly

Eph 5:26 – “by the washing of the water with the word”

5) Love purely

Eph 5:26-27

6) Love tenderly

Eph 5:28-29

7) Love understandingly

1 Peter 3:7 You husbands in the same way, live with *your wives* in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

- Love defined: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 Love is patient, love is kind *and* is not jealous; love does not brag *and* is not arrogant, ⁵ does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong *suffered*, ⁶ does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8) Love patiently

1 Cor 13:4 – love is patient

9) Love mercifully

1 Cor 13:5 - "love...is not provoked...does not take into account a wrong suffered"

10) Love generously

1 Cor 13:7 bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

CONCLUSION