

Series Title:

“Tightening the Knot”

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“The Marriage Mystery”

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Sermon Text:

Ephesians 5:22-33



Introduction:

- I. Christian Wives Are Called Upon To Reflect The Gentle Submission Of The Church to Christ (5:22-24, 33)
- II. Christian Husbands Are Called Upon To Reflect The Loving Leadership Of Christ Over The Church (5:25-33a)

A. Husbands, love your wives (v. 25a)

B. Husbands, _____ your wives (v. 23)

- What does the word translated “head” mean?

“The husband is responsible to and before God for the direction that the marriage and the family take.”

- There are several considerations that need to be made as it relates to this part of the husband’s mission:

1. The husband’s headship does not originate with _____ ; it originates with _____

○ **The husband is the head of the wife by _____.**

○ Genesis 3:16; I Corinthians 11:3, 8-9

○ *The headship relationship between husbands and wives is a matter of _____ order, not _____ choice.*

○ *Marriage is not a _____, for the husband is the head of the wife!*

2. The husband’s headship is not a _____ ; it is a _____

○ The husband is no more free to _____ his post than a wife is to _____ it!

“In the marriage and the home, the buck stops with the husband, with the father.”

○ What is the modern-day marriage phenomenon?

○ *“ _____ “ don’t need to be exhorted to _____ ; their love prompts them to lead!*

3. **The husband's headship is not a right to _____ and _____ ; it is a responsibility to _____ and to _____**

○ Tragically, some Christian men think that headship means _____ or _____.

○ Colossians 3:19

“The Christian marriage, above all other institutions, should be the place where women are loved and honored, not neglected and abused!”

○ **It is important to remember that no _____ has absolute authority, only _____ does!**

○ Matthew 20:20-28

4. **The husband's headship is not intended to be _____ ; it is intended to be _____ (v. 23b)**

“If you want to know how Christ leads the church, then look at how He led the disciples.”

○ **Biblical headship places a premium on _____.** (Genesis 2:18; Malachi 2:14)

○ Acts 18:2-3, 18:18-19, 18:26; I Corinthians 16:19; Romans 16:3-4

○ One of the keys to biblical headship is _____.

○ ***The proper understanding and practice of headship within marriage does not lead to _____ - but to peace, harmony, and _____.***

Conclusion:

Men, the greatest gift you could possibly give to your wife would be to commit to _____ as a Christian husband by the power of the Spirit!

Remember, it is your responsibility to make the divine principles and truths contained in this message real by consistent application of them in your own life.