

BECOMING A PEOPLE OF GRACE: AN EXPOSITION OF EPHESIANS

THE MOST CHALLENGING OF ALL RELATIONSHIPS (PART TWO)

EPHESIANS 5:25–33



The Heart of the Matter

Have you ever noticed that the valuable things of this world take time to accomplish? Often, the more valuable they are, the more time they take to maintain and to appreciate. Marriage is one of the most valuable relationships God has given us. But in our fast-paced society, people seem less and less likely to give marriage the time it needs to grow and mature into something beautiful and holy. Instead, we give up on the pattern God instituted, looking for quick fixes and easy outs. Paul's letter to the Ephesians reminds us that there is a better way.



Discovering the Way

1. Love Your Wife as Christ Loves (Ephesians 5:25–27)

We should adopt four characteristics of love that Christ emulated for us in His life: *sacrifice, sanctify, forgive, and honor.*

2. Love Your Wife as Yourself (Ephesians 5:28–33)

To love our wives as ourselves, we must be willing to nourish and cherish them in all things.



Starting Your Journey

Good marriages cannot be cultivated in a hurry. They take both parties working with equal commitment and effort, and they take on sacred depths when lived well.



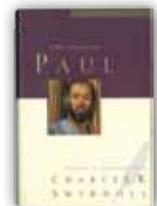
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