

LIFE LESSONS JUST FOR MEN  
FOR MEN ONLY: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT YOUR MARRIAGE  
EPHESIANS 5:25-33



### The Heart of the Matter

The more valuable things are, the more time they take. This is especially true of hand-made valuables, like beautiful Turkish rugs. For weeks, months, and sometimes years, workers sit on stools weaving one thread and then another to create the intricate patterns of a rug that is not only striking but will last for generations to come. Marriage is like that—it takes time, but if God’s pattern is followed, it produces a thing of lasting value.



### Discovering the Way

#### 1. The Dominant Thread in the Marriage Relationship (Ephesians 5:21)

The central thread that runs through the fabric of our marriages is submission.

#### 2. The Dominant Thread for the Husband (Ephesians 5:25-33)

Men, if we are to weave a beautiful marriage, the primary colored thread we must incorporate throughout is the crimson thread of love.



### Starting Your Journey

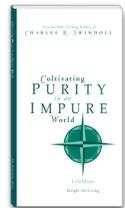
Like an expensive handmade rug, we can make our marriages priceless, but we need to keep these threads in mind while weaving it together. First, a good marriage cannot be cultivated in a hurry. Second, the husband/wife relationship must be nurtured over the long haul, with love and respect. And third, when it comes together according to the divine pattern, it is a mystery.



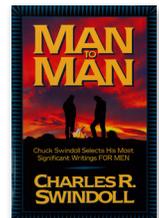
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