

Husbands, Love your Wives! #1

1 Pet. 3:7, Ephesians 5:25-33

Things to remember in general as a married couple:

- Christians are to love one another. (John 13:34-35, 1 John 3:11, 18)
- A spouse is the only person that you can truly love in all four ways.
- The thought of loving one's wife in this fashion when this was written was totally a foreign idea.

Loving your wife is a command, not a suggestion! (v. 7, Eph. 5:25a)

Husbands love towards their wife: (Eph. 5)

- Must be sacrificial, not selfish. (v. 25b, Phil. 2:3-5)
 - Unless you give up something it's not really a sacrifice. (**time**, money, desires)
- Must be purifying, not putrefying. (vv. 26-27) **How?**
 - Physically (support them)
 - Mentally (teach them or learn with them)
 - Emotionally (listen to them)
 - Spiritually (worship with them)

Points to Ponder:

- Godly love is to be expressed by, and to, all people; make sure your wife is included!
- Godly love is to be evidenced by selflessness; make sure your wife is included!
- Godly love is to be exercised by helping others better themselves; make sure your wife is included!
- Godly love is to be enhanced through worship with others; make sure your wife is included!