

HOW TO HAVE A GREAT MARRIAGE

The Perfect Family – Part 2

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Colossians 3:18-21

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1. WIVES: Develop An Attitude Of Respect.

“Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

Ephesians 5:22 (NIV)

“A husband is the head of his wife, as Christ is the head and the Savior of the church, which is His own body.”

Ephesians 5:23 (CEV)

(I Corinthians 11:3)

“Faith in Christ Jesus is what makes each of you equal with each other, whether you are a Jew or a Greek, a slave or a free person, a man or woman.” Galatians 3:28 (CEV)

Some Action Steps ...

! Release my expectations and rights back to God.

“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

! Decide to accept my husband.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...”

Romans 15:7 (NIV)

! Focus on the positive.

“...Fix your thoughts on what is true and honorable and right.

Think about things that are pure and lovely and admirable.

Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.”

Philippians 4:8 (NLT)

2. HUSBANDS: Develop An Attitude Sacrifice.

“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word.”

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

“In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. For a man is actually loving himself when he loves his wife. No one hates his own body but lovingly cares for it, just as Christ cares for his body, which is the church.” Ephesians 5:28-29 (NLT)

Some Action Steps...

! Pray for an attitude of humility.

“He was humble and walked the path of obedience all the way to death—His death on the cross.” Philippians 2:8 (TEV)

! Start with the little things.

“My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.” I John 3:18 (NCV)

! Recognize my responsibility to be a spiritual leader.

*“As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”
Joshua 24:15 (NCV)*