

The Mystery of Marriage

Ephesians 5:22-33

The Mystery

Marriage has been a _____ of Christ's love for His church since the first marriage in the garden.

The Original

1. There is a _____ – Christ
2. There is a _____ – The Church
3. There is a _____ – Both

The Picture

1. **There Is a Leader – The _____** (1 Cor. 11:3)
 - Headship is the husband's divine calling to take _____ responsibility for Christlike servant leadership, protection, and provision in the home.
 - Why don't husbands biblically lead in today's culture? They don't understand how to, or they don't want to.

Husband Headship 101

⇒ Lead _____.

The husband is the **PROVIDER** and **PROTECTOR** of the home.

⇒ Lead _____.

- Spiritual _____ (priorities): Where are you going as a family?
- Spiritual _____ (practice): How will this look daily in your marriage and family?
- Spiritual _____ (perseverance): Who will initiate healing and help along the way?

The husband is _____ responsible for his family.

"It may not always be my fault, but it is always my _____."

2. There Is a Follower – The _____

Wrong views of submission according to 1 Peter 3:1-6:

- Submission is not trusting supremely in your husband.
- Submission is not avoiding every effort to help your husband change.
- Submission is not receiving your spiritual nourishment primarily from your husband.
- Submission is not acting out of fear.

Sweet Submission 101

Accept the incredible task that God has given you.

Submission is the _____ calling of a wife to honor and affirm her husband's _____ and help carry it through according to her gifts.

⇒ _____: Let your husband be the primary decision maker in your life; voluntarily line up under his leadership.

⇒ _____: Provide a daily testimony to the reality and richness of Christ in you!

⇒ _____: Find contentment in a place of subordination and protection

Submission is _____ so God can plaster your husband!

3. There Is a Love – Both

The Caution

- Wives, it is not your job to demand that your husband _____.
- Husbands, it is not your job to _____ your wife to submit to you.

Homework

Husbands, begin _____ with your wife.

Wives, find one way to affirm your husband's _____.