

**Ephesians 5:25-33 – Wise Husbands**

*Christ is our hero and role model on how we love our wives.*

**Intro.**

- Ephesians 5:15, 21-24

**I. Love Her With A Christlike Love – Eph. 5:25, 28, 33**

- John 2:6, 10; 3:16, Ephesians 1:4-5, 2:4-5; 3:17-18, 5:1-2

**II. Give Yourself Up For Her - Eph. 5:25****III. Lead Her Into Spiritual Purity & Splendor! – Eph. 5:26-28**

- Colossians 3:12

**IV. Be Her Closest Friend (i.e. “One Flesh”) – Eph. 5:29-33**

- 1 John 3:16; 4:16, 19

**Devotional Time:**

1. What would it look like for me to take the mantle of a spiritual leader in my home?
2. In what ways can my love for her become a verb in my marriage instead of just a noun?
3. In what areas would Christ love my wife differently than I currently am loving her? Pray and ask the Lord what needs to change?
4. Am I relying on Christ’s extravagant and excellent love, or my own limited love? What would change that?
5. What of myself can I give up to her in a new way?
6. Are the words that I speak to her harsher than loving? Pray and ask the Lord how this can change?
7. As a spiritual leader am making the most of my opportunities to listen and pray with her?
8. How can I lead her more into becoming the woman of purity and splendor that God intends her to be?
9. God has joined us together as “One Flesh” How can I work at being her closest friend that intimately knows and loves her physically, emotionally, and spiritually?
10. Can she be transparent and vulnerable with me? Pray and ask the Lord to fill you with his Spirit so that you love her with a Christlike love.