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“HUSBANDS LOVE YOUR WIVES” - EPHESIANS 5:25

(NKJV, Eph 5:25), “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her”

- We husbands are to use Jesus’ sacrificial love as a model for how we are to love our wives.
- The 4 Gospels describe in detail exactly how “Christ also loved the church”. 1Cor 13 illustrates the attributes of love.

(NKJV, 1John 4:18-19), “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. [19] We love Him because He first loved us.”

- Part of “husbands love your wives” means that husbands should make their wives feel safe and secure. Secure physically, financially, emotionally, spiritually. It doesn’t always require having all of the answers... but a well grounded and well founded faith in the Lord’s guidance and provision.
- Our love for the Lord is a result of His love for us. Jesus suffered and died for us because He loved us. Our love for Him is a response to His love for us. Husbands need to “break the tie” in disagreements and reach out in love.

(NKJV, 1Pe 3:7), “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.”

- Husbands are to take the time to talk with their wives and know what they are feeling. We are to use this knowledge to treat them as precious, valuable, highest esteem. We should NEVER use our wives as the butt of a joke, or dishonor her for the purpose of making others laugh.
- The “weaker vessel” is a reference to a finely delicate vase, not a feeble poorly crafted bowl.
- If we’re not honoring our wives, then our prayers will be hindered because our hearts are not right.