

# **Role of the Husband, Ephesians 5:22-23**

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## **I. Introduction.**

A. Text: Ephesians 5:22-23.

B. Having a fulfilling marriage is elusive today.

## **II. Marriage is difficult. (Genesis 2:18-25; 1:27)**

A. There was perfect unity in creation between man and women.

B. There was a co-regency even though there were different rules.

C. God's design for marriage was for procreation, elimination of solitude (Genesis 2:8), physical fulfillment (1 Corinthians 7) and for joy (1 Corinthians 13, Genesis 26:6-9).

D. The most basic things became cursed after the fall. (Genesis 3:5, Romans 5)

E. There are problems in marriage because there is a curse on marriage itself.

F. It is natural to be selfish, and this makes marriage difficult.

G. Satan attacks man at his most basic need.

H. Society is confusing this meaningful relationship. It puts forward a fantasy.

## **III. Without Christ and being filled with the Spirit one can never have a fulfilling marriage.**

## **IV. The duty of the husband.**

A. He is to love his wives.

B. He is also to submit under mutual submission.

C. Society celebrates the macho man, but this is depraved.

## **V. The manner husbands are to love their wives is how Christ loved the church.**

A. Christ loves the church in that he gave when people were unworthy to receive. (Romans 5:8)

B. Genuine love is an act of the will. This kind of love is irresistible.

C. Husbands must be understanding and sensitive.

D. Husbands should be chivalrous.

E. Husbands must have communion with their wives—their spiritual lives should be shared together.

**Application Questions:**

1. Why is marriage difficult?

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2. How is genuine love different than how love is often depicted today?

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3. How can a husband be encouraged and grow in his love for his wife in a practical way? Explain.

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