

"I want the presence of God Himself, or I don't want anything at all to do with religion... I want all that God has or I don't want any." – A.W. Tozer

Ephesians 5:21

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

submit = hupotassó = to align yourself with, to be subject to, to place under

A Gospel-centered marriage lives from a place of mutual submission.

➤ Spirit-filled submission for the husband

1. Sacrificial love

Ephesians 5:25

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

selfless = Jesus lays down his life for the sake of others

unconditional = Christ's love doesn't change based upon our response to it

relentless = Jesus never gives up on us, always pursuing us

2. Sanctifying love

Ephesians 5:26-27

26 to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, 27 and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

When a woman says yes to marrying an "Ephesians 5 man", she should reach her redemptive potential because of that yes not in spite of it.

"The strength of my godliness wasn't revealed in how much I did for God but in whether or not my wife was reaching her redemptive potential because she was married to me."

– Jon Tyson

3. Satisfying love

Ephesians 5:28-29

28 In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. 29 After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church

nourish and cherish

To speak words of life where there's been accusation.

To speak words of hope where there's been despair.

To speak words of encouragement where there's been condescension and judgment.



➤ **Spirit-filled submission for the wife**

Ephesians 5:22-23

22 Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.

Wives are called to align themselves under their husband's love.

-- let your husband love you well, don't hold back

It's a submission to your husband's sacrificial, sanctifying, satisfying love.

That's the environment that you're to open your heart to.

If he's not an "Ephesians 5 man" then he doesn't deserve your heart!

Ephesians 5:33

However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

respect = celebrate the effort he is making, resist tendency to offer critique & commentary