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COLOSSIANS 3:18-19 – ERIC SIMPSON – APRIL 15, 2018

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¹⁸ Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. ¹⁹ Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.

A Christian marriage...

➤ **Believes that your spouse can never be more than...your spouse.**

"Your choice of who to marry is more crucial than everything else combined you will ever do to make your marriage succeed." – Neil Warren

➤ **Battles through *Genesis 3* with *Colossians 3*.**

Genesis 3:6-7

⁶ When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷ Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

Ephesians 5:33

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



"Today married couples are at a crossroads. Will she appreciate her husband's need for respect, or will she denounce his feelings? Will she discover that the best way to love a husband is by respecting him in ways that are meaningful to him? Or will she focus totally on what she feels is the key to a happy marriage—her womanly feelings—and dismiss his needs as antiquated or male arrogance? At the same time, will the husband appreciate his wife's need for love or just continue to ignore her feelings? Will he discover the best way to love a wife is to look beyond her criticisms and complaints to see why she isn't feeling loved? Or will he just cower before her apparent contempt and retreat to the shelter of his "stonewall"? – Emerson Eggerich

Recommended resource: *Love and War* by John & Stasi Eldredge