

Going Deeper Questions
A Proper Perspective
Ephesians 5:21-33
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1. Marriage can be a challenge, however, it can be a blast too. If you are married when was the last time you had a blast with your spouse? If you are not married, when was the last time you had a blast in mixed company? What made it so much fun?
2. The whole sermon was on the marriage relationship. In knowing that not everyone who reads this part of the letter of Ephesians would be married, why do you think God, through His Holy Spirit, had Paul pen this section? How might a person who is not married get anything out of this section, for all Scripture is supposed to be useful (cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17)?
3. There were two things that husbands need from their wife. Review what they are from your notes and read Ephesians 5:21-24. Those verses seem like a hard pill to swallow, don't they? Is there any feeling of pushback when you read those verses? Why or why not? If you do feel uncomfortable about those verses, what needs to change in order to feel confident in them?
4. There were three things that the wives need from their husband. Review your notes as to what they are, and read Ephesians 5:25-27.
 - a. In verse 25, Paul compares the love of Christ for the church to the love of a husband to his wife. Doesn't that seem impossible? How does this shake out in real life? Or, how can this be a reality for a husband to his wife?
 - b. Remember what Jeremy said about the word, "word" in verse 26? It is the *spoken word*. If you are married, wives, how well do you think your husband communicates with you? According to these verses what skill do the husbands (men) need to continue to improve upon? Guys, how are you doing in this?
5. Do you agree or disagree with this statement: "If you aren't living for the wellbeing of your wife, you don't love yourself." Paul gives an analogy in Ephesians 5:28-30. In our world today, women take care of themselves quite well; they don't need a man to take care of them. Given our culture today, do you think this passage is outdated? Explain.
6. Jeremy mentioned the meaning of the word, "joined" in Ephesians 5:31: Greek: "pros-kolla-o" – it means to be really close to each other, to be faithfully devoted to one another. Why is it that this doesn't happen very often – if marriages don't end in divorce, many of them end in just a co-existence of a husband and wife. If you are married, do you feel "joined" to your spouse? What must be done to turn the tide so that all marriages under Christ, experience this kind of connection?
7. Ephesians 5:32-33. If you asked the average Christian what is the relationship of Christ is to the church and the church is to Christ, what do you think they would say?