



In Christ Like Marriages, Jesus Must Be _____

Marriage is second in our GPS - God's Positioning System for the family, because to have a good marriage, God must come first! **Ephesians 5:1-2**

Christ Like Couples _____ to _____ **Ephesians 5:21 / Amos 3:3**

Ephesians 5:22-23 builds on this concept of mutual submission within the marriage.

How Christ Like _____ Do Their Part **Ephesians 5:22**

This is made easy when the husband loves the wife like Christ loves the church (vs. 25).

God's Divine Order **Ephesians 5:23** Two people can be equally qualified for a job, but one must lead. That doesn't mean that one is better or more loved than the other.

How Christ Like _____ Do Their Part **Ephesians 5:25-27**

What a standard for a husband! Love your wife the same way that Christ loves the church. You are to love her and as the spiritual leader, you have a responsibility for her spiritual welfare.

Paul gives husbands an explanation that every man can understand. **Ephesians 5:28-29 / Proverbs 18:22**

"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to be able to persuade my wife to marry me." **Winston Churchill**

Christ Like Marriages, Will _____ and Be _____ for Oneness **Ephesians 5:31**

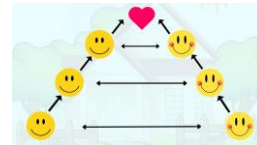
Oneness _____ the _____ of God **Genesis 1: 27**

The characteristics of God are seen in both males and females. Married couples reflect the image of God. **Author Larry Crabb says, "The goal of oneness can be almost frightening when we realize that God does not intend that my wife and I find our personal needs met in marriage.**

God wants our relationship to validate the claims of Christianity to a watching world.

He wants marriage to act as an example of Christ's redeeming love, overcoming the divisive effects of sin.

The _____ of _____ in Marriage **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10**



The Love _____

"Success in marriage does not come merely through finding the right mate, but through being the right mate." **Barnett Brickner**

NEXT LIFE STEP: This week I will determine to keep Jesus as the center of my life and continue to be transformed into His image. Jesus first!

_____ and _____ Make for a Christ Like Marriage **Ephesians 5:33**

"A person needs to be loved the most when he or she deserves to be loved the least" **Unknown**

"The key to an ideal marriage is not expecting perfection." **Unknown**

Couples, if you give love you will receive love. If you give respect you will receive respect in return. If you sacrifice and lay down your life for your mate the same will be done for you. Life breeds life!

NEXT LIFE STEP: This week I will take the Christ Like Family Test and begin to work on weak areas.

Life App Group and Family Devotional Application

1. In your own words, explain mutual submission in marriage. How do you make that happen?
2. In marriage, couples are united as one. Why is the leaving (parents) part essential for that to happen?
3. How do marriages reflect the image of God? How is *your* marriage reflecting the true image of God?
4. Explain the Love Triangle that Pastor Scott talked about. How will that bring a couple closer?

5. What is the best marriage advice that you can give to newlyweds that will help them in their marriage?

Answers: Number – One / Submit – One – Another / Wives / Husbands / Leave – United / Reflects – Image / Power – Oneness / Triangle / Love - Respect