

**Questions for Pastor Jim to address: "What does a Biblical Marriage look like?"
Marital Issues - Part 1**

Ephesians 5:15 - 33, Colossians 3:16 - 21, 1 Peter 3:1-7 (NLT)

Outline based upon Ephesians 5:15 - 33 NLT (except where noted)

- in the context of...
 - the need to be _____ with the _____
 - being grateful
- Submit to each other
 - What is our context?

- Wives
 - _____ to your husbands
 - as [a _____] to the Lord (AMP)
 - the Husband is the head of his wife as _____ is the head of the _____

 - accept the _____ of your husbands (1 Peter 3:1)
 - even if they aren't _____, your godly life will speak to them without words

 - Focus on _____ beauty (1 Pet 3:3-6)
 - not on outward beauty
 - the _____ focuses on these things
 - clothe yourself with _____
 - the _____ of a gentle and quiet spirit
 - which is so _____

 - 1 Pet 3:3-4 AMPLIFIED
[3] Let not yours be the [merely] external adorning with [elaborate] * interweaving and knotting of the hair, the wearing of jewelry, or changes of clothes;
[4] But let it be the inward adorning and beauty of the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible and unfading charm of a gentle and peaceful spirit, which [is not anxious or wrought up, but] is very precious in the sight of God.

- Look how the _____ women of old made themselves beautiful
 - They _____
 - they _____ the _____ of their husbands

 - _____ was able to _____ her _____, because _____ the one who called her husband, _____, to take care of them and to speak to Abraham.

- Husbands
 - _____ your wives
 - just _____ the church
 - He gave up his life for her - _____
 - to make her _____ & _____
 - washed by the cleansing of God's Word
 - without spot or wrinkle or blemish
 - _____, _____ & without _____.
 - Just as you love _____
 - This shows you are a " _____ "
 - _____ & _____ for your wife
 - as you would _____
 - as _____ for the church
 - of which we are all members
 - Give _____ to your wives (1 Pet 3:7a)
 - Treat her with _____ as you live together (1 Pet 3:7b)
 - live _____ (AMP)
 - _____ treat them _____ (Col. 3:19)
 - Though she may be physically weaker, she is your _____ in God's gift of new life (1 Pet 3:7c)
 - If you refuse to obey, you're _____ life will be _____ (1 Pet 3:7d)
- Marriage is an illustration of _____ and his _____
 - So, as an picture of Christ loving the church, _____ must _____ his wife
 - _____-sacrificially
 - _____
 - _____
 - with a _____ to _____ into the things of God
 - providing for her _____ needs
 - providing for her _____ needs
 - providing for her _____ needs
 - giving her with _____ & _____
 - giving her _____
 - treating her with _____
 - And as a picture of the church's respect & reverence toward Christ, each wife must _____ her husband
 - From the Amplified Bible's Notes:
 - Webster's New International Dictionary offers this as a list of English words with the same (or nearly the same) essential meaning as "respect" and "reverence." The latter ("reverence") includes the concept of "adore" in the sense not applied to deity.
 - that she _____ him,
 - _____ him,
 - _____ him,
 - _____ him,
 - and _____ him; and
 - that she _____ to him,
 - _____ him,
 - and _____
 - and _____ him exceedingly.

FYI: Paul's point is for us to focus on what we are to do & not what our spouse is not doing!