

*Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. <sup>6</sup> It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. <sup>7</sup> Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*  
**I Corinthians 13:4-7 (NLT)**



## **There will be mutual S\_\_\_\_\_.**

*Let your wife be a fountain of blessing for you.  
 Rejoice in the wife of your youth. Proverbs 5:18 (NIV)*

*I belong to my beloved, and his desire is for me. Song of Solomon 7:10 (NIV)*

### **Meeting the need for \_\_\_\_\_ through commitment.**

*In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup> After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— <sup>30</sup> for we are members of his body.*  
**Ephesians 5:28-29 (NIV)**

### **Meeting the need for \_\_\_\_\_ through affirmation.**

*Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: <sup>29</sup> “Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.” <sup>30</sup> Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. <sup>31</sup> Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*  
**Proverbs 31:28-31 (NIV)**

***Marriage should be honored by all...  
 Hebrews 13:4a (NLT)***

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 Ephesians 5:21-33**

***Whoever fears the Lord has a secure fortress,  
 and for their children it will be a refuge. Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)***

### **God's picture for marriage:**

**Marriage —“An exclusive, permanent, and public legal commitment between a man and a woman to share every part of life together.”**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ = “to sever dependence upon”  
*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother ...Genesis 2:24a (KJV)*
2. \_\_\_\_\_ = “to form a permanent bond,  
 to make a commitment, to pursue hard after”  
*... and shall cleave unto his wife...Genesis 2:24b (KJV)*
3. \_\_\_\_\_ = “sharing all aspects of life”  
*...and they shall be one flesh. Genesis 2:24c (KJV)*

***And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.  
 Genesis 2:25 (KJV)***

*They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8 (NAS)*

Sin broke fellowship with God and that in turn distorted God's design for human relationships, including marriage.

Adam and Eve sinned and became filled with fear which caused them to be \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_; \_\_\_\_\_,

*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:5-7 (NAS)*

## **Ephesians 5:15-33**

*Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.  
Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)*

**What does a marriage look like when it is being transformed by the Gospel of Jesus Christ?**



**There will be mutual**  
**S**\_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:5-11

I Corinthians 13:4-7

\_\_\_\_\_ is a \_\_\_\_\_!



**There will be mutual**  
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Submit = A military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

**To the wife: Love your husband so much  
that you will \_\_\_\_\_ for him.**

*Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands.  
Ephesians 5:22-24 (MSG)*

**To the husband: Love your wife so much  
that you will \_\_\_\_\_ for her.**

*Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives.  
Ephesians 5:25-28a (MSG)*



**There will be mutual**  
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*Jesus told them, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' <sup>26</sup> But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. <sup>27</sup> Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves."  
Luke 22:25-27 (NLT)*

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