

God's High Call To Husbands

(Part 1)

1 Peter 3:7



1 Peter 2:12 (ESV)

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation."



1 Peter 2:20–21 (ESV)

"For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. (21) For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps."



“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”



philadelphia: brotherly (kinship) love

- CONDITIONAL, personal, based upon a *familial* bond
(Rom. 12:10)

agape: sacrificial (Christlike) love

- UNCONDITIONAL, impersonal, based upon God's heart toward *all* people (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8)
[*present active imperative*]

Romans 12:10 (ESV)

"Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor."



John 3:16 (ESV)

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

Rom. 5:8 (ESV)

"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."



Ephesians 5:22–24 (ESV)

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

(23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

(24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands."



Eph. 5:25-27 (ESV)

"Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, (26)that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (27)so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish."



Ephesians 5:28–30 (ESV)

"In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, (30) because we are members of his body."



“...live with your wives...”

[‘synoikountes’ // dual-meaning]

To live/dwell with another, with the intention of growing in lifelong partnership

Intimacy, especially physical (but also emotional, intellectual, spiritual)



“...in an understanding way...”

[‘gnōsin’]



‘knowledge’: of God and His Word



“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.”



v. 14: “The sower sows the Word:”

v. 15: “And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them.”

↳ *Warning against succumbing to the ENEMY*



v. 14: “The sower sows the Word:”

vv. 16-17: “And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. (17) And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.”

↳ *Warning against succumbing to the FLESH*

v. 14: “The sower sows the Word:”

vv. 18-19: “And others are the ones sown among thorns.

They are those who hear the word, (19)but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful.”

↳ *Warning against succumbing to the WORLD*

v. 14: “The sower sows the Word:”

v. 20: “But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

↳ *Winning by submitting to the SPIRIT and walking by FAITH*

1 Corinthians 13:4–7 (ESV)

"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant (5) or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; (6) it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. (7) Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."



Galatians 5:22 (ESV)

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness"

→ vv. 16,18: "...walk by the Spirit... [be] led by the Spirit"
and the *result* will be v. 22!

