



Living the Mystery

Showing Christ's Love in Real Life

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He who finds a wife finds what is good and
receives favour from the LORD.

► **Proverbs 18:22**

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

► **Ephesians 5:25**

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Common Concerns Some Wives Have Expressed.

- ▶ *He doesn't understand me.*
- ▶ *He doesn't want to, he can't deal with emotions.*
- ▶ *He doesn't provide spiritual leadership for our family.*
- ▶ *He's not involved with the kids lives.*
- ▶ *He wants to have sex with me, but doesn't create the atmosphere for it.*
- ▶ *He works too much.*
- ▶ *He's always on his phone.*

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One more concern.

- ▶ *Some men are mean.*
- ▶ *He coercively controls his wife.*
- ▶ *He secretly plays mind games, manipulates, mocks, isolates and punishes her.*
- ▶ *He needs to be admonished, disciplined and maybe excommunicated.*

Know Christ

- ▶ He chose you
- ▶ He adopted you
- ▶ He redeemed you
- ▶ He promised you eternal life
- ▶ He gave you his Spirit
- ▶ He loves you dearly

Practical Advice

- ▶ Walk, talk, coffee, games.
- ▶ Be curious about her, cherish and respect her.
- ▶ Affection, laughter, joy.

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way.

▶ **1 Peter 3:7**

The purpose in a man's heart is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out.

▶ **Proverbs 20:5**

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

► **Ephesians 4:32**

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

► **Ephesians 4:2**

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children.
And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself
up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

► **Ephesians 5:1**

