

Sacred: God's Design for Marriage

A Particular Responsibility

Ephesians 5:22-28 (ESV)

²²Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.

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

²⁵Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷so 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. ²⁸In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

6 Marriage Commitments:

1. Walk faithfully with the Lord
2. Love my spouse like Jesus does
3. Grow spiritually together
4. Fulfill my _____

The big picture:

Marriage is _____ design.

Marriage is for _____ purposes.

God's design and God's purposes are for God's _____.

God's design and God's purposes are for our _____.

God's design and God's purposes include _____.

Knowing these roles won't change my marriage. _____ them will.

2 key concepts:

“submit”

“lead”

5 marriage role rules for wives:

1. _____ to Christ. (Eph. 5:21)
2. Be _____ your husband.
3. Be the _____ you can be for your husband (and family) (Prov. 31)
4. _____ your husband.
5. _____ your husband.

5 marriage role rules for husbands:

1. _____ to Christ.
2. _____ well.
3. _____ well.
4. _____ well.
5. _____ well.

This week, I'm going to ...