

*“Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church. For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.” **Ephesians 5:22-33***

Two common reactions to Ephesians 5:

1. WE LIKE WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT OUR SPOUSE, BUT WE DON'T LIKE WHAT IT SAYS ABOUT US.
2. WE FEAR BEING THE FIRST ONE TO FULFILL THE ROLES OF EPHESIANS FIVE AND WE USE OUR SPOUSE'S BEHAVIOR AS OUR EXCUSE NOT TO OBEY IT!

EPHESIANS 5 IS THE SECRET TO YOUR DREAMS COMING TRUE.

Understanding the brilliance of the roles in Ephesians 5 and why it is essential for us to practice:

1. THE ROLES IN EPHESIANS 5 MAKE US ATTRACTIVE TO OUR SPOUSE AND CAUSE THEM TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO US.
2. THE ROLES IN EPHESIANS 5 RELEASE THE POTENTIAL IN OUR SPOUSE.

“It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.”
Genesis 2:18

*“Nourish and cherish” as we would our own body. **Ephesians 5:29***

3. THE ROLES IN EPHESIANS 5 DISABLE OUR SIN NATURES AND KEEP THEM FROM DESTROYING OUR MARRIAGES.
4. THE STANDARDS IN EPHESIANS 5 SENSITIZE US TO BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND AND MEET OUR SPOUSE'S NEEDS