

Questions to Consider—Lesson 18—With the Master in Heavenly Places—Ephesians 5:21-33--  
What Does a Spirit-Filled Marriage Look Like?

1. (a) According to Ephesians 5:21-33 what are the responsibilities of the husband and what are the responsibilities of the wife? (b) According to the text, why is it essential that we carry out our God-given roles?



2. (a) What are the other responsibilities of the husband and of the wife according to Genesis 2:18; Proverbs 19:13, 14; Proverbs 31:10-31; 1 Corinthians 7:1-16; Colossians 3:18, 19 and 1 Peter 3:1-7. (You might want to make two columns, one with husband's role, and the other with wife's role.) (b) Write a summary sentence of what the role of the husband should be and another summary sentence of what the role of the wife should be according to God's Word.

3. Memorize Ephesians 5:33.

4. (a) How does Paul's description of Christ's sacrificial love in Ephesians 5:25-32 help you to understand the sacrificial love that a husband should have for his wife? (b) How can a wife encourage and/or confront her "believing" husband to be the husband that Christ commands him to be?

5. (a) Would you say you are a submissive wife? (Ask your husband if you are brave enough!☺)  
(b) What things have you found to be helpful in aiding you to be submissive with a joyful attitude?

6. How would you counsel a woman who is having trouble respecting her husband because of things that he does that are not worthy of respect?

7. After looking over all the roles of the wife, what is your greatest need? Please write it down as prayer request. For those of you who are single, write a prayer request either for yourself as you consider a possible future marriage, or for someone you know who is married that could use prayer. (Please be discreet.)