

**FAMILY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD,  
PART 2: HUSBANDS  
Colossians 3:19 & Ephesians 5**

Men, when a situation in your home requires your attention, you are to observe vigilantly, evaluate biblically, and discern prayerfully the appropriate response, then initiate the corresponding action...whatever the situation, we are to initiate the course of action that brings God's grace and truth to bear for the greatest good of those whom we are leading.

- Gary Ricucci, *Love that Lasts*

**1. Colossians 3:19, Ephesians 5:22-23 - A Love that Leads**

- The call to leadership

- The model of leadership

## 2. Ephesians 5:25 - **A Love that Sacrifices**

- The call to sacrifice

- The model of sacrifice

## 3. Colossians 3:19, Ephesians 5:26-27 - **A Love that Sanctifies**

- The call to sanctification

- The model of sanctification

## Family Application Questions

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1. Is there a couple that you can think of that has a marriage that is a model of those things that we are studying? If you can think of one, consider approaching them and encouraging them in their faithfulness. Then, make a plan to spend some time with them asking for practical advice for how they applied these biblical truths in their lives.
2. Are there areas that you have seen during these last two weeks that you know are shortcomings in your life? We all have them. If there are, take some time and confess those things both to God and to your spouse. Often, we recognize areas of sin and resolve to deal with them personally and internally. Communicating our shortcomings is embarrassing, difficult, and even unnatural. However, the humility displayed in confession and forgiveness is a beautiful and essential part of a biblical marriage. This week, prayerfully consider how to move toward your spouse in repentance. And where your spouse approaches you, forgive quickly, encourage greatly, and resolve to make this a pattern in your relationship.
3. **Husbands-** How are you practically showing spiritual leadership in your home? Could you identify concrete, tangible things that you do that lead your family in a way that promotes godliness and faithfulness? How do you show sacrificial love to your wife? This is not a question of what material things you have given up so much as ways that you minister to her needs. How can you be actively involved in the spiritual maturity of your wife? What practical steps will you take to see that she grows to be more and more like Christ? Read 1 Peter 3:1-7. While wives are called to be subject, pure, and

respectful, you are called to love her by living with her in an understanding way. This means that you know best what will bless her, what will encourage her, what ways of addressing sin will be the most effective, and what things you do that display your love for her. In other words, there are no cookie cutter wives. We are called to be constant students of those we are married to, and then to minister to them with wisdom and understanding. How can you grow in your understanding of your wife? What is the consequence for failing to live like this according to 1 Peter 3:7?

4. **Wives-** How can you practically apply the sermon today? In what areas can you encourage your husband where they are displaying biblical obedience? In those areas where they fall short, how do you address them? Are you more prone to continually point out the failure, or are you quick to pray and trust that the Lord will work in his life? How can you practically facilitate godly leadership in your home? Understanding the role of a wife from last week, how do you see the calling of the wife and the calling of the husband working together?
  
5. For those who are not married, how do we think through and apply a text like this? How can we begin to practically apply those things that we are called by God to be in our marriage relationships? Are there older believers that you can begin to learn from, to intentionally approach and ask for help as you prepare for your role as a husband or wife one day? Are there specific areas or personality traits that you have that might challenge your ability or desire to be what God calls believers to be in a marriage? In what ways are those things called for in a marriage applicable to all believers, whether or not marriage is ever a reality? (Humility, love, patience, service, sanctification...)