

1 Corinthians 7:2-5 *But because of the temptation to sexual immorality, each man should have his own wife and each woman her own husband. The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does. Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.*

- **What do you know about sex now that you wish you knew when you were younger?**
- **Throughout your life, who taught you what it means to be a husband?**
- **What did you learn most from those individuals?**

1 Corinthians 11:3 *But I want you to understand that the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God.*

Ephesians 5:22-23 *Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior.*

Ephesians 5:25 *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.*

- **What are some decisions that need to be made by the leader in a family?**

Ephesians 5:28-30 *In the same way husbands should love their 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 Christ does the church, because we are members of his body.*

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 *Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.*

Proverbs 5:18-19 *Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth, a lovely deer, a graceful doe. Let her breasts fill you at all times with delight; be intoxicated always in her love.*

- **How do you respond to those verses?**
- **When have you experienced the kind of love described in 1 Corinthians 13?**
- **What are some ways that Christ showed love to the Church?**

1 Peter 3:7 *Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.*

- **What are some ways that a husband can learn about his wife?**

1 Timothy 5:8 *But if anyone does not provide for his relatives, and especially for members of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*

2 Thessalonians 3:10-12 *For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.*

- **What steps can you take to improve as a provider for your family?**

--- Homework ---

1. Read **Ephesians 4:1-3**, then answer the following questions.
 - A. How do these verses command Christians to behave? (What are we supposed to do?)
 - B. How do the commands in these verses apply to the roles of a husband?
 - C. In what ways can you improve at applying the commands in these verses?
2. Read these verses: **Proverbs 10:12, 12:18, 13:10, 15:1, 16:21, 16:32, and 19:11**. Answer the following questions.
 - A. What are some common themes in these verses?
 - B. What are the benefits of wise speech?
 - C. What are the dangers of harsh speech?
 - D. How do these verses apply to your role as a husband?

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Lesson 7 Questions

“Marriage – Part 2”

Memory Verse

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church
and gave himself up for her
(Ephesians 5:25)*

- **What does our culture teach us about sex?**
- **What have you learned about sex from the church?**

Genesis 2:24-25 *Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.*

Hebrews 13:4 *Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.*

Ephesians 5:3 *But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints.*

- **What is your response to these verses? Why?**

1 Thessalonians 4:3-5 *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;*

- **Why is it sometimes so difficult for us to control our bodies?**