

MARRIAGE MAKEOVER

Ephesians 5:21-33

THE PASSAGE: *Three Simple Commands*

- 1 Christians: **Submit to one another.** (vs. 21)
- 2 Wives: **Submit to your husband.** (vs. 22)
- 3 Husbands: **Sacrificially love your wife.** (vs. 25)

MARRIAGE MYTHS: *What Lots of Christians Think the Bible Says...*

- ▶ Husbands **lead** – Wives **adapt** & **follow**.
- ▶ Headship means whenever spouses **disagree** – it's the **husband's call**.
- ▶ Submission means following your husband **even when he's wrong**.

MARRIAGE MAKEOVER: *What the Bible Actually Says About...*

SUBMISSION

- 1 We're ALL supposed to submit to the **government** – **church leaders** & **fellow Christians!** Romans 13:1-4/ Hebrews 13:17 & 1 Peter 2:13/ Ephesians 5:21
- 2 Submission doesn't mean **blind obedience**.
Daniel 6/ Acts 17:11/ 1 Samuel 25:2-42

LOVE & HEADSHIP

- 1 Agape LOVE puts the **needs** and **interests** of others first.
1 Corinthians 13:4-5/ Philippians 2:3-7
- 2 Christ-like LEADERSHIP **gives more than it gets**.
Matthew 20:25-28/ Ephesians 5:25-27

THE BOTTOM LINE: *To Do Marriage Right...*

HUSBANDS

- In matters of preference – **give in**.
- In matters of eternal consequence – **lead!**

HUSBANDS & WIVES

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- Forgive your spouse **MORE** than you forgive anyone else.
- Adapt to your spouse **FAR MORE** than you adapt to anyone else.

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Food for Thought for the week of June 19, 2005
(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

1. This weekend we learned that a marriage is just like any other relationship in that it thrives or dies according to how we treat each other. Here are some verses that speak to how we treat one another. If married, jot down how they apply specifically to your marriage. If single, jot down how they apply to the relationships that are most important to you. (Note: each passage has multiple principles.)

John 13:1-17

Romans 12:9-21

Colossians 3:12-16

1 Peter 3:8-9

1 Peter 4:8-11

2. Part of submitting to each other means putting others' needs in front of our own. Read Mark 14:1-11, Acts 9:36-43, and Luke 10:30-37. Why do you think these people were willing to put aside some of their own wants or needs and help others?

What did it cost them to give?

What might it cost you to follow their example?

3. If you are married, engaged or dating, take a minute to really think about your significant other and write down at least five strengths, gifts, or abilities that they possess. If you are single, do the same thing for a family member or friend that you care about.

Now read Hebrews 10:24-25. Think about each strength or gift listed above and jot down how you can encourage them or "spur them on" to develop or build upon a few of their strengths. Be as specific as possible.