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Becoming a Husband Committed to the Kingdom

Ephesians 5:25-33

Series: Kingdom Families

Sociologists tell us that the breakdown of the family is the most critical issue facing our nation today. School teachers are finding out that they have to do more than teach. Their job description now includes becoming surrogate parents to kids who are finding academics difficult because of the burdens and problems in their homes. The police department has to act as the ultimate disciplinarian for a generation of undisciplined young people – especially teenagers, because of the absence of discipline at home.

One of the major things that has gone wrong in our society today is that we have allowed the society to dictate our theology. Sociology must never dictate theology.

Definition of a Kingdom Man:

...a man conducting his life under God's divine rule and authority. God has become the final authority in his life.

Definition of Biblical Love:

...to passionately, righteously, and sacrificially pursue the betterment of another person.

Special note:

Although the Bible never *commands* a woman to love her husband, the Bible talks about a woman *loving* her husband, never as an imperative, but always as an indicative. What a woman needs is in her heart, and what a man needs is in his head.

How Does A Kingdom Man Honor His Wife?

- A. Nourishing Her
- B. Cherishing Her

Marital Love That Reflects The Kingdom Involves Three Things:

1. Being set apart and cleansed.

Ephesians 5:26a *So that He might sanctify her...*

2. Cleaning up spots and wrinkles.

Ephesians 5:27a *That He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle...*

3. Being holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27b...*that she should be holy and without blemish.*

A Kingdom Man Encourages His Wife In Four Ways:

1. Time
2. Expressions of appreciation
3. Acts of selfless service
4. Non-sexual touches