

## “Christian Marriage”

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- I. Ephesians 5:22-33
  - A. Responsibility
    1. Husbands are to love their wives, and this love is to be expressed through:
      - a. (vv25-27)
      - b. (vv28-30)
      - c. (v31)
    2. Wives are to submit to and respect their husbands (vv22-23, 33).
      - a. helping him to make informed decisions and avoid foolish associates and rash actions (1 Sam. 25:3)
      - b. cultivating an imperishable (incorruptible) spirit (1 Peter 3:1-6)
      - c. doing all that you can to help your husband gain the respect of others
        - (1) Proverbs 31:26
        - (2) Proverbs 31:23, 27
        - (2) Proverbs 31:11-12
    3. Both husbands and wives must demonstrate their submission and obedience of God by not taking their marriage for granted but working hard to cultivate and maintain it.
      - a.
      - b.
      - c.

## Scriptures – October 18, 2009

### **1 Sam 25:3**

*3(now the man's name was Nabal, and his wife's name was Abigail. And the woman was intelligent and beautiful in appearance, but the man was harsh and evil in his dealings, and he was a Calebite),*

### **1 Peter 3:1-6**

*In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, 2 as they observe your chaste and respectful behavior. 3 Your adornment must not be merely external -- braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God. 5 For in this way in former times the holy women also, who hoped in God, used to adorn themselves, being submissive to their own husbands; 6 just as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, and you have become her children if you do what is right without being frightened by any fear.*

### **Prov 31:26**

*26 She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.*

### **Prov 31:23-27**

*23 Her husband is known in the gates,  
When he sits among the elders of the land.  
24 She makes linen garments and sells them,  
And supplies belts to the tradesmen.  
25 Strength and dignity are her clothing,  
And she smiles at the future.  
26 She opens her mouth in wisdom,  
And the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.  
27 She looks well to the ways of her household,*

### **Prov 31:11-12**

*The heart of her husband trusts in her,  
And he will have no lack of gain.  
12 She does him good and not evil  
All the days of her life.*

