

A selfless church begins at home

Ephesians 5:22-33, page 949

- I. A SELFLESS WIFE FOLLOWS THE LEADERSHIP OF HER HUSBAND – LIKE SHE SUBMITS TO CHRIST (Ephesians 5:22-24).
 - A. God's plan is that wives submit to their husband as they submit to Christ (5:22).
 - B. Wives should submit because husbands are responsible for the marriage like Christ is responsible for the church (5:23-24).
- II. A SELFLESS HUSBAND SACRIFICIALLY CARES FOR HIS WIFE – LIKE CHRIST LOVES THE CHURCH (Ephesians 5:25-31).
 - A. God's plan is that husbands sacrificially love their wife like Christ sacrificially gave His life for the church (5:25).
 - B. A husband must love well to encourage his wife to grow spiritually (5:26-27).
 - C. A husband must gently care for his wife spiritually, like he naturally cares for himself (5:28-31).
- III. CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH MODEL UNCONDITIONAL LOVE AND RESPECT IN MARRIAGE (Ephesians 5:32-33).