

Fragrances, Study 6

FAMILY LOVE IN THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

The Relationship Between Husbands and Wives

A good wife is the crown of her husband, but she who brings shame is like rotteness in his bones.

Proverbs 12:6

Let the husband render to his wife the affection due her, and likewise also the wife to her husband.

First Corinthians 7:3

Recap

Love is closely associated with sweet smelling fragrances (as depicted in the Song of Songs), As we love, we become spiritually fragrant. Agape love is made up of at least fifteen different aspects, as mentioned in First Corinthians 13. Agapé love is not a thing to be used for our own ends. The husband and father is the one responsible for setting the tone of agapé love in the family. The nucleus of this agapé love within the family springs out of the relationship between the husband and his wife.

The Nucleus of a Home

1. The nucleus of a _ _ _ _ _ is a husband and a wife.

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24 (NASB)

2. Their relationship together needs to be founded not on eros or philéo love, but on _ _ _ _ love.
3. When a married couple is functioning in agapé love, *eros* and *philéo* love will _ _ _ _ _ accordingly.
4. The basis of this agape love between husband and _ _ _ _ is found in Ephesians 5:22-33.
5. In this passage we note that wives are addressed first! They are told to _ _ _ _ _ to their husbands.

Husbands are told to nurture their wives. This is to be done like Christ does the Church.

6. As a wife do you love, honour, _ _ _ _ , and respect your husband in sickness and in health, in times of poverty and times of plenty, and keep your affections only unto him?
7. As a wife do you look to your husband as your master? Or do you look to your mother, or your father as your _ _ _ _ _ ?

5 For in this manner, in former times, the holy women who trusted in God also adorned themselves, being submissive to their own husbands, 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord, whose daughters you are if you do good and are not afraid with any terror. 7 Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.

First Peter 3:5 - 7

Competing or Complimenting?

8. As a married couple, do you seek to compliment your partner's _ _ _ _ nesses?
9. As a married couple do you _ _ _ _ _ with your spouse?
10. As a married couple do you seek to _ _ _ _ _ your partner to help them grow as a person?
11. Do you pray together? Do you read God's Word together? Do you seek God's mind together? Do you _ _ _ _ _ each other?

Rebuilding A Broken Marriage

12. It takes _ _ _ _ _ . Genuine "I'm sorry's" are needed.
13. It takes open and _ _ _ _ _ communication.
14. It only needs both of _ _ _ (not a third party).
15. It _ _ _ _ _ sacrifice.
16. It means starting with friendship _ _ _ _ _ .

Building A Blessed Marriage

1. Spend time together without interruption or distractions.
2. Talk with each other with the goal of better understanding each other's opinions, feelings, past, dreams and hopes.
3. Pray together.
4. Always seek permission from your spouse before attempting to deal with differences.

Amen.

ANSWER KEYS

1. family 2. agapé 3. follow 4. wife 5. submit 6. obey (note, this is a quote from the classic marriage vows made by a wife to her husband) 7. authority 8. weak(nesses) 9. share 10. bless 12. humility 13. honest 14. you 15. needs 16. first

