



Marriage by Design 2 :: *What He Must Be* :: Voddie Baucham

INTRODUCTION

What comes to mind when you envision the ideal husband? Tall, dark, and handsome? Well, God has a different standard when it comes to the one who will lead a marriage. Discover the biblical description of what a husband must be by looking at Ephesians 5.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Ephesians 5:25. Love can be described as an act of the will, accompanied by emotion, leading to action on behalf of its object. How does this description of love differ from the romantic ideal that our culture promotes?
2. Read Ephesians 5:26. A husband is to lead in the Word. Why is it important for the husband to take the lead in the spiritual life of the family?
3. Read Ephesians 5:27. A husband is to lead in righteousness. What happens when a husband doesn't set an example by the way he lives his life?
4. Read Ephesians 5:28-30. A husband is to lead in selflessness. How can you be intentional about putting others first?
5. Read Ephesians 5:31. A husband is to lead in intimacy. How do you develop intimacy in marriage?
6. Read Ephesians 5:32. Marriage is an illustration of the relationship between Christ and the church. What do you want your marriage to say to a watching world?

THINK ABOUT IT

How has your understanding of marriage and the role of the husband been changed?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

What will you do differently based on this understanding of marriage (and the role of the husband)?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. Eph 5:25