

Intentional Living Series
An Intentional Home Part 1

Colossians 3:16-19, 23-24

(16) Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. (17) And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (18) Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. (19) Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them...

(23) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, (24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

“Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus...”

I. Our marriage should REPRESENT the Lord Jesus. Eph. 5:32

Ephesians 5:32 (32) This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.

The provisions of Christ Jesus should be reflected in our love for one another.

- **Christ is our SECURITY (Ring) John 10:27-30**
 - **Spouses are to PROTECT one another.**

John.10:27-30 (27) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. (28) I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. (29) My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. (30) I and the Father are one.”

- **Christ is our SIGNIFICANCE (Rose) Phil. 1:6**
 - **We are to PROMOTE one another.**

Philippians 1:6 (6) And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

- Christ is our **SOURCE** (*Surprises*) *Phil. 4:19*
 - We are to **PROVIDE** for one another.

Philippians 4:19 (19) And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

- Christ is our **SATISFACTION** (*Candy*) *1 Peter 1:8*
 - We are to be a **PLEASURE** to one another.

1Peter 1:8 (8) Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,

- Christ is our **SANCTIFICATION** (*Cord*) *Rom. 8:16-17,*
 - We **PROMISE** to be One-Flesh.

Romans 8:16-17 (16) The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, (17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

1Peter 3:7 (7) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Hebrews 10:12-14 (12) But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, (13) waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. (14) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

- II. **Wives are called to RESPECT their husbands as an agent of the Lord Jesus.** *Colossians 3:18, Ephesians 5:22-24, 33, 1 Peter 3:1-4, 1 Corinthians 7:16*

Ephesians 5:22-24 & 33 (22) Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. (23) For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. (24) Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. (33) However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

1Peter 3:1-4 (1) Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands, so that even if some do not obey the word, they may be won without a word by the conduct of their wives— (2) when they see your respectful and pure conduct. (3) Do not let your adorning be external—the braiding of hair, the wearing of gold, or the putting on of clothing— (4) but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God's sight is very precious.

1Corinthians 7:16 (16) Wife, how do you know whether you will save your husband? Husband, how do you know whether you will save your wife?

1Corinthians 7:3-4 (3) The husband should give to his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband. (4) For the wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband does. Likewise the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife does.

Wives give your husband your **ALL**.

A – ADMIRATION – Emotional Encouragement

L – LISTEN – Relational Interest

L – LOVE - Physical Intimacy

III. Husbands are called to SACRIFICALLY love their wives as the Lord Jesus loves His Bride, the church. Colossians 3:19, Ephesians 5:25-33, 1 Peter 3:7, 1 Corinthians 7:3-4

Ephesians 5:25-31 (25) Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, (26) that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, (27) so

that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. (28) In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. (29) For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, (30) because we are members of his body. (31) "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

1Peter 3:7 (7) Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an **understanding way**, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered.

Husbands give your wife your **LIFE**.

L – LOVE – Affection and Security

I – INTELLECT – Intentionally Communicate

F – FAMILY SUPPORT – Practical and Relational needs

E – EXAMPLE – Spiritual Leadership

IV. The REWARD of an Intentional Home

Colossians 3:23-24 (23) Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, (24) knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

- **The reward of a loving marriage**
- **The reward of Christ's inheritance**
- **The reward of proclaiming God's manifold wisdom.**

Ephesians 3:8-11 (8) To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, (9) and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, (10) so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. (.11) This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord...

