

EPISODE NO. 333

Eph. 5:15-33

Live a Life of Love

Paul wrote these words: 15 Be very careful how you live. Don't live like foolish people; live like wise people. 16 Take advantage of every opportunity, because these are evil times. 17 This is why you should not be fools. Instead, try to understand what the Lord wants.

18 Don't get drunk with wine; this leads to wildness. No, be filled with the Spirit. 19 Use psalms, songs of praise, and spiritual songs to talk to one another. Strum your heart and sing to the Lord. 20 Always thank God the Father for everything with the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Husbands and Wives

21 Submit to each other to show respect for Christ. 22 Wives, you must put yourselves under your own husbands' authority as you do for the Lord. 23 A husband is to be the leader of his wife like Christ is the Leader of the people called out by God. (Christ himself is the Savior of that body.) 24 Wives should put themselves under their husbands' authority in everything, just as Christ's people put themselves under Christ's authority.

25 Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved those called out by God. He gave his life for them. 26 He used a washing of water through the gospel message to make God's people holy. 27 He wanted to present to himself a glorious group of people called out by God — a people that does not have stain or wrinkle or any such thing. Instead, he wanted them to be holy and spotless. 28 In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. The man who loves his wife loves himself. 29 No man ever hated his own flesh. No, he feeds it and takes care of it. Christ does the same thing for his people. 30 We are members of Christ's body. 31 The Scripture says:

“This is why a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. The husband and wife will become one flesh.” (*Genesis 2:24*)

32 This is the great secret. (I am talking about the relationship between Christ and the people whom God has called out.) 33 Be that as it may, each of you men must love his wife, just as he loves himself. And, each wife must show respect for her husband.