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

*“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous”* (Hebrews 13:4, ESV).

**1. MUTUAL SUBMISSION (v. 21-24).**

*“Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ”* (Ephesians 5:21-22, The Message).

*“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”* (Ephesians 5:23, ESV).

*“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her”* (Ephesians 5:25, ESV).

**2. SACRIFICIAL LOVE (v. 25a).**

**3. SELFLESS COMMITMENT (v. 28).**

**4. SERVANT LEADERSHIP (v. 23).**

**5. CLEAR PRIORITY (v. 31).**

*“For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23-26, ESV).*