

SERMON NOTES
June 13, 2010
Liberty Baptist Church
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TEXT: **Ephesians 5:22-33**
SERIES: **“IMPACT FAMILIES”**
TITLE: **“I Have To Do What?”**

NOTES:

- **God's** standard for marriage and the family produces meaning, happiness, blessedness, reward, and fulfillment
- **5:21** = Mutual **Submission**
- Paul admonished believers in Ephesus to live in total **Contrast** to the corrupt, vile, self-centered, and immoral standards of those around them
- The necessary foundation for fulfilling our biblical roles in marriage and family are: **Spirit-filled** (5:18) and **Submission** (5:21).

1. The Husband Is To Be His Wife's Leader— 5:23

A. What Is A Leader?

1. A leader is first and foremost a **Servant**--Mt. 20:20-28
2. Jesus led by spending **Time** with those whom he led
3. Jesus led by **Instructing** His disciples
4. Jesus led by **Example**

2. The Husband Is To Be The Wife's Lover—5:25, 28, 33

A. A Great Need—**Eph. 5:25**

1. Men, our **Wives** need to be loved!
2. We must love our wives as we love **Ourselves**--vv. 28, 33
3. We must love our wives as **Christ** loved the church—v. 25

Note: Christ's love is...

- **Unconditional**—Romans 5:8
- **Intentional**—Deut. 7:7; Eph. 1:6-7
- **Intense**—John 13:1; Eph. 5:2, 25
- **Unending**—John 13:1; Jer. 31:3; Rom. 8:39
- **Unselfish**—Phil. 2:6-7
- **Purposeful**—Eph. 5:26-27
- **Sacrificial**—Eph. 5:2, 25
- **Manifested**— John 10:1-14; 14:1-3; 13:34-35; 15:9-10; Rom. 8:32; Phil 4:13, 19; Heb. 4:14-16

CONCLUSION:

How?

Closeness—She wants to be close!

Openness—She wants you to open up to her

Understanding—Listen!

Peacemaking—She wants you to say, “I’m Sorry”

Loyalty—She needs to know you’re committed

Esteem—She wants you to honor and cherish her