

WEEK 12(September 20, 2009)

Reread Colossians 3:18-19

Ephesians 5:21-33

Q So from a woman's perspective...Why is it that we require so much "LOVE"? What things do we like for our spouses to do to show us love?(listen up guys for ideas)

Q And from a man's perspective...What is it that you need from your wife to show submission?

Ex.taking interest in his interests, being thankful, appreciative/acknowledging hard work

*In a past bible study we were in, there once was a comment made and I think ALL the women in the group agreed that one of the biggest things the wives desired out of their husbands was to take leadership in the spiritual matters of the home. More than anything...we instinctively crave a man to take control and guide us. (ie. I think God is telling our family to do this, or Sunday nights we are going to have a couples bible study, let me pray for us tonight) What a picture this is of Christ and the Church.

And I think the men commented that they desired Respect/ Honor/ Support from their wives.

HOW DID CHALLENGES GO THIS WEEK?

WOMEN...what did your husband do to show love?

MEN...was it easy to accept kind words from your wife?

WHAT ARE OTHER THINGS IN PAST that either of you have done to go out of your way to focus on your spouse? What are things that you do as a couple?

LOVE LANGUAGE BOOK-5 love languages-everyone different

Service-mowing lawn

Physical touch-holding hands

Words of affirmation-you look beautiful

Gifts-flowers

Quality time-watching a movie with your spouse

Another commentary note in Life Application Bible states-

The union of husband and wife merges two persons in such a way that little can affect on without also affecting the other. Oneness in marriage does not mean losing your personality in the personality of the other. Instead it means caring for your spouse as you care for yourself, learning to anticipate his or her needs, helping the other person become all he or she can be.

MAKING YOUR MARRIAGE ALL IT CAN BE

Q So what do you guys think? What stands out to you in these verses? How is God speaking to you right now?

ADDITIONAL THOUGHTS/VERSES

1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (from Jeremy) "MEN, you will want to read this to your wives"

Genesis 1:27, 2:18,20-24

Challenge:

Pick one of the previous challenges

~Wedding Photo

~Pray with your spouse

~Pray for someone in class using Col 1:9-12

~Do a daily QT

~invite someone to class

~Read wedding vows

~watch Fireproof

~memorize Col 3:12

~Listen to Christian music every day

~women write letter to husband and pray daily

Men do something extra kind for wife