

Submission: Its Beauty and Winsomeness – Part 2

~ Eph 5:25-33

~ “Submission means I voluntarily _____ what I might do naturally in this relationship in order to benefit _____. If I have more power, [as in a husband, parent, or boss], instead of doing what I might do naturally and use that power to make my life _____, out of reverence for Christ, I'll use my power instead to serve you. I'll give up even my life in order to benefit you. . . . If I have less power, [as in a wife, child, or slave], instead of doing what I might do naturally and fight you every step of the way, I'm going to show you _____ and honor in order to benefit you.” (Credit: Kevin A. Miller)

~ In the Greek:

- 1. There is a word for love - that means love for desire – it is a reference to _____.
- 2. There is a word for love - that means love for friendship – it has to do with treating someone _____.
- 3. The word the Holy Spirit used here means love that seeks the _____ good of someone else at one's own _____ – it has to do with reflecting the beauty and winsomeness of _____.

~ So after four little words, in Eph 5:25, Paul provides husbands with two models on how to love their wives.

1. ~ Vs 25 – Love your wife as _____

2. ~ Vs 28 – Love your wife as _____

Time to Pause and Reflect-

~ How is a husband supposed to reach this standard of submission and sacrifice?

~ How is a wife supposed to reach this standard of submission and respect?

1. The Holy Spirit presents all this truth as though it is _____.
 2. Marriage has a way of exposing our _____.
 3. It's at that point of vulnerability and weakness that we need to humbly find our _____.
 4. All of our strength for life and for marriage comes to us from a genuine _____.
- o Eph 3:18