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Ephesians 5:25

## “Imitating God in Our Marriage”

### I. Love as Christ loved the church.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, - **Ephesians 5:25 NKJV**

8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. - **Romans 5:8 NKJV**

1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. - **1 John 2:1 NKJV**

### II. Make it your goal to please God.

9 Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. - **2 Corinthians 5:9 NKJV**

15 [Christ] died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.  
- **2 Corinthians 5:15 NKJV**

10 always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.  
- **2 Corinthians 4:10 NKJV**

### III. We are a new creation.

16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know [Him thus] no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 18 Now all things [are] of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, - **2 Corinthians 5:16-18 NKJV**