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LIFE NOTES

Ephesians 5:21-33

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QUESTIONS

1. Ephesians 5:21-6:9 is referred to as a 'household code' or 'table fellowship' which in the first century included, husbands and wives, parents and children, and slaves and masters. Our portion, 5:22-33 talks about the ideal marriage that should be exemplified in a Spirit-filled life. Back then, the biblical view of marriage was at odds with the culture, the same as it is now. What is going on in marriages today that do not conform to this ideal?

2. This passage gives both the husband and the wife instructions on how to treat each other. Each has a responsibility to each other; what are these responsibilities? How does Christ's example challenge us to live, not only for ourselves, but for others whether we are married or not?

3. At times it is confusing whether Paul is talking about marriage or the body of Christ (v32). The truth is that he is instructing on marriage in practical terms as an arch-type for the church. We are the bride of Christ. What has Christ accomplished for us as His bride (v v. 25b-27)? Take the time and explore some of these great themes.

4. Based on this passage and your experience seeing great examples: try and come up with your top 5 suggestions to someone who might ask you "What simple things can I do to apply this to my marriage?" (it can be more than 5)