



Investing In Our Marriages



A digital illustration of a lantern with a lit candle on a wooden table. The lantern is black with a glass enclosure and a black top. The candle is white and lit, casting a warm glow. The table is made of wood with a reddish-brown finish. In the foreground, an open book with white pages is visible. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

*Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light for my path.*

Psalms 119:105

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A. Submitting To One Another *Eph.5:21-24*

21 Submitting to one another in the fear of God.

22 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

23 For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

24 Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything.

Eph.5

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- **There is a functional importance to the husband being the head of the relationship**
 - **If we cannot blend together into mutual submission our marriage is in trouble**
- **Ideally, “mutual submission”**
 - **Jesus said marriage is a oneness or a “one flesh” relationship *Matt.19:5-6***

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B. Peter's Discussion of Submission

1 Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, *1 Pet.3*

- **“Likewise” what?**
 - **Like citizens submitting to government and slaves to masters *1 Pet.2:13-25***

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7 Husbands, *likewise*, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered. *1 Pet.3*

- Like all who submit to God will treat their wives with honor and submission
- Both are working as a team toward the same goal and purpose!

II. Nourishing



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A. Providing Emotional Nutrition

- Physical nourishment refers to feeding the body / *Sam.14:26-27*
- We receive spiritual nourishment from God's Word, the bread of life / *Tim.4:6*

6 If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.

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- Marriage fills our emotional tanks, it nourishes and encourages *Ecc.4:9-12*

9 Two are better than one, Because they have a good reward for their labor.

10 For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up. *Ecc.4*

- Continue what 1st attracted each other

II. Nourishing

B. Consciously Use Nourishing Words

- “I love you.” or “I’m glad we’re married.” or “I’m proud of you.”

28 Her children rise up and call her blessed;
Her husband also, and he praises her:

29 “Many daughters have done well, **But you excel them all.**” *Prov.31*

- The best nutrition comes from the one nearest to you *1 Pet.3:5-7*

A photograph of several trees silhouetted against a sunset sky. The sky transitions from a deep orange near the horizon to a dark blue at the top. The trees are dark and their branches are clearly visible against the lighter sky. The text 'III. Cherishing' is overlaid in yellow on the left side of the image.

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A. Showing Genuine Tender Love and Care

- Jacob loved Rachel so much he worked for Laban seven years for her *Gen.29:20*

20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they **seemed only a few days to him** because of the love he had for her. *Gen.29*

- We place a high priority on what we greatly value or cherish *Gen.33:1-2*

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B. We Can Forget To Cherish Each Other

- David and Michal had a good marriage when they began / *Sam.19:11-17*

12 So Michal let David **down through a window**. And he went and fled and escaped.

13 And Michal took **an image** and laid it in the bed, put a cover of **goats' hair** for his head, and **covered it with clothes**.

- Michal loves David and saves his life but later her heart changes toward him!


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- Later Michal's and David's relationship falls apart *2 Sam.6:20-23*
- Our Lord never forgets or loses His love for His children *1 Pet.5:6-7*

6 Therefore **humble yourselves** under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,

7 Casting all your care upon Him, for **He cares for you.** *1 Pet.5:6-7*



IV. Honoring and Respecting

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A. Honoring And Respecting Are From Same Family of Words

- We honor those we respect and respect those we honor

33 Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the **wife see that **she respects her husband.** *Eph.5***

- The husband is to give honor unto his wife as the weaker vessel / *Pet.3:7*

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B. Practice Honor and Respect Toward Our Spouse

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 - This is a great opportunity to change things. Don't blow it! *Eph.4:29*

29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, **that it may impart grace to the hearers.**

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3 The **older women** likewise, that they be reverent in behavior, not slanderers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things -

4 That they admonish the young women to **love their husbands**, to love their children, *Titus 2*

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B. Jesus Sought The Best For His Bride

- Jesus' love was sacrificial not sentimental

25 Husbands, **love your wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her
26 That He might **sanctify** and **cleanse her** with the washing of water by the word,
27 That He might present her to Himself a **glorious church**, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be **holy** and **without blemish**.

Investment Strategies For Marriage

- We are investing in our companion
- We are demonstrating our faith in God's way for our future happiness
- We are building strong, healthy families