

THEME: Marriage – Husband Is Open and Transparent As Christ Is To The Church

If, as Ephesians 5:25 commands us, we as husbands are to “love our wives as Christ loves the Church”, then those passages of Scripture which reveal Christ’s undying love for His Church also give us insight into our own undying love for our wives. The following Daily Quiet Times Alone With God provide you with meditations both on Christ’s openness and transparency with His disciples and Church as well as an opportunity to reflect on your relationship with your wife – does your openness and transparency with her truly reflect that of Christ and you?

In God’s eyes it is hypocritical for us to look to, rely upon and appreciate God’s openness and transparency with us while at the same time refusing that same level of openness and transparency with our wives. We must of course all admit that it is not because of our emotional maturity or mental prowess that God has revealed himself to us in such an open and transparent manner. For instance God has been very transparent concerning His divine attributes. One may easily study the Bible on your own or read any number of theological works and discover that God has revealed a great deal about Himself – both His invisible and visible attributes. He has revealed aspects about Himself – such as the trinity, His omnipresence, His omniscience and more – which we are unable to fully fathom, nor will we ever be able to master His divine nature. Never-the-less He shares openly and freely with us. The question is therefore begged, “Have I as a husband been as open and transparent with my wife as Jesus has been with me?”. In John 15:15 Jesus reveals to His disciples that as a friend, He has shared all things with them. In John 11:35 and other places Jesus wept openly before His disciples. Jesus spent many hours at the dinner table with His disciples. Jesus included the disciples “with Him” throughout His life. In face in Acts 4:13 one of the characteristics of the disciples was that they were easily recognizable as having spent time Jesus. Jesus prayed openly with His dispels. Jesus did not hold back “bad news” concerning Himself – His coming suffering, crucifixion and death. Nor did Jesus keep back from the disciples the reality of their own coming sufferings. Jesus spoke freely and often of His great love for His disciples and assured them over and over again that He would never leave them nor forsake them. Again, these promises were not made to the disciples and the church based on their great spiritual maturity and the nobleness of their conduct.

As you do the following meditations reflect on Christ’s openness and transparency in His expressions of love for the disciples, the church and of course yourself. Then reflect “**How would the husband reflect in his relationship with his wife the transparency which Christ exhibits to the church?**” In other words if this is the way Christ loves His Church then how would this same love be manifested in my love for my wife? From this point of reference you will then go on to application, both immediate and long term. We must though always come back to the reality that it is hypocritical for the husband to want to know all there is to know about God, while at the same time closing himself off to His wife. To expect God to speak to Him from His Word while at the same time being uncommunicative with His wife. To have question after question about God, yet to resent questions from his wife. The list goes on and the application becomes clear. If, as Ephesians 5:25 commands us, we as husbands are to “love our wives as Christ loves the Church”, then those passages of Scripture which reveal Christ’s undying love for His Church also give us insight into our own undying love for our wives.

By His mercy,
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JEREMIAH 15:16

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: John 15:15; 16:29 & 30

How would the husband reflect in his relationship with his wife the transparency which Christ exhibits to the church?

When I reflect on this passage, does it primarily convict, encourage or challenge me? Explain why:

In being as transparent with my wife as Christ is with the church, how will I apply this passage to my life in the coming week and is there anything I can do today to make this passage a part of my Christian life?

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TOPIC & PASSAGE FOR MEDITATION: Matthew 28:20b; John 10:27-29; Romans 8:35 – 39

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