

CrossWalk notes

Perfect Partner

Perfect Spouse

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Is a perfect marriage even possible?

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Ephesians 5:21, NIV

Forced submission is _____.

Willful submission is _____, _____, _____,
_____, _____, and _____.

²² Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **Ephesians 5:22-24, NIV**

The Church “falls in” behind _____, her groom.

A wife “falls in” behind her _____.

Sub _____ comes from clarity about the _____.

²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **Ephesians 5:25-27, NIV**

Christ’s selfless, _____ love makes him the perfect partner and us the perfect _____.

²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated their own body, but they feed and care for their body, just as Christ does the church— ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.” **Ephesians 5:28-31, NIV**

Husband are called to servant leadership and to serve his wife as an _____ of himself.

³² This is a profound mystery—but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **Ephesians 5:32-33, NIV**

Jesus is the only perfect partner in a marriage.

He leads husbands to _____ and wives to _____.

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. **Ephesians 4:32, NIV**

Marriage is made perfect through _____ and _____ with kindness and compassion.

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³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **Ephesians 5:32-33, NIV**

My next step: Jesus loved me and gave himself up for me. I will submit myself to Jesus and his Church. I will fulfill the role Jesus gives me in marriage and support others in those roles.

What’s your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.