

The Year of Sowing

Prayer Guide

Week 26

The Year of Sowing – Family – Husbands Love Your Wives

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,

Ephesians 5:25 (NKJV)



Prayer Focus: The relationships in the family is demonstrated for us in Scripture. Our relationships in the family are designed to reflect the Truths of Gods design. The relationship of the husband and wife is demonstrated for us by the relationship between the Lord Jesus Christ, and His Church. The key word to note here is “love.” This is the self-sacrificing love that Jesus demonstrated when He gave His life on the cross for His Bride, the Church. The idea of a husband dominating and subjugating his wife is totally foreign to God’s design. Peter says that the husband must give honor to his wife, and live with her according to knowledge, knowing her gifts, weaknesses, strengths, and needs (I Peter 3:7) This love is a love that seeks the best for the object of its love. Christ desires a Bride who is sanctified and pure. Husbands are to protect, love, desire the best for their wives as Christ desires the best for His Bride the Church. There are many attitudes of husbands that need to be transformed to reflect the love of Christ. This happens through acknowledgment of the truth of God’s Word, humble submission to these truths, and commitment before God and his wife to live out these truths as a demonstration of the love of Christ. When husbands are living in this manner, their wives will be encouraged and strengthened, families will flourish and the church will be strengthened.

Day 1: Husbands, ask God to reveal to you if you love your wife as Christ loves the Church.

Day 2: Search the Scriptures to learn what God says about the role of the Husband. Ask God to teach you.

Day 3: Confess before God any ways that you as a husband have not followed Christ’s example.

Day 4: Pray to be the husband that God designed you to be for the sake of your family, and His glory.

Day 5: Pray for the husbands in your church to take seriously these instructions in the Word of God.

Day 6: Pray husbands in other churches to be serious about following Christ’s example in their relationships with their wives.

Day 7: Pray for missionaries to teach these truths in the context of their mission field.