

Introduction: “Missing In Action”

1. The evolution of the American male

2. The father-absent family

3. The impact of changing roles
 - a. _____ men

 - b. _____ women

 - c. Confused children

4. Two “PCs” we must avoid
 - a. “P_____ Correct”

 - b. “P_____ Christian”

Redefining manhood in our marriages and homes:

1. It always begins with mutual _____.

... and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

- The Metaphor of “The Dance”

2. A great dance/marriage requires clarity of _____.

²²Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the **husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body.** ²⁴But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

²⁵**Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her;** ²⁶that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, ²⁷that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.

²⁸**So husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies.** He who loves his own wife loves himself; ²⁹for no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church, ³⁰because we are members of His body.

Ephesians 5:22-30 (NIV)

3. Husbands are to “_____” and give their lives to lead their families in righteousness.

What does this mean?

- Husbands must love their wives _____.
- Husbands must love their wives with _____.
- Husbands must love their wives _____.

What does this not mean?

- It doesn't mean you always do what your wife _____.
- It doesn't mean you don't have a life of your _____.
- It doesn't mean you make her _____ on you.
- It doesn't mean you “call all the shots.”

Application/Discussion Questions:

1. What new insight did you gain concerning the roles of men in marriage?
2. How has our culture made it difficult to function according to God's design?
3. How have abuses in the church made it difficult to function according to God's design?
4. (Men) What specific steps do you need to take to become the man God wants in your home?
5. (Women) What specific steps do you need to take to help your husband be the man God wants him to be in your home?

Marriage that Works
Personal Commitment – Week 2

From this day forward...

- I will “step-up” and give my life to lead my family in righteousness.

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

Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

Signed

Date

I commit to pray for...

- Husbands to “step-up” and give their lives to lead their wives and families in righteousness.
- Husbands to love their wives sacrificially.
- Husbands to love their wives with intentionality.
- Husbands to love their wives sensitively.