

Getting Started: Many men/couples are putting off marriage till later and later. What could the church/Christian men do to reverse this trend?

Discuss

1. Many men are the “strong, silent type.” What efforts are you making to communicate more with your wife?
2. Do you set aside time to pray with your wife? What is preventing you for this?
3. How can you help your wife grow as a Christian? Are there any areas that you need to review and change?
4. How did the Fall in Genesis 3 turn marriage roles on their head? How did the consequences on both prove apropos? (51)
5. Why does a good marriage require so much work? What do Christians have to help overcome our nature? (51)
6. What is the first skill spouses need to work on to have a good marriage? Name some common male behaviors along this line that sabotage a marriage. What behaviors are wives especially known for in this area? (53-54)

Bible Study

Read: Ephesians 5:21-25

1. To what must both spouses submit if they are to make progress in their marriage? What does this mean for the husband? (v. 21)
2. What role does this passage give to the husband in marriage? What adjective or qualifier should govern this role? (v. 23-25; see also discussion p. 52 book)
3. Why is knowing Christ so helpful to being the right kind of husband? Following his example, what should husbands be doing for their wives, even if things are not going well? (v. 25)

Going Deeper

4. If you are married, look over the ‘star’ questions on page 55. Take the one that most speaks to you and write down at least one action plan, one thing you can do this week to address that area.