

Victory Hour

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Marriage Series:

The Making of the Godly Marriage

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Outline

Ephesians 5:25-33

I) Introduction

II) Review

- a. Marriage...Made in Heaven, but Feels Like Hell (December – Husbands & Wives)
 - i. Before the Fall – Plan A
 - ii. During the Fall
 - iii. After the Fall
- b. Marriage Under Construction (January – Wives)
 - i. God Provided a Way Back to Plan A – Amazing Grace
 - ii. Submission
 - 1. What Submission is not
 - a. Manipulation – “If I submit, I’ll get what I want.”
 - b. Subordination – “I must submit because I am less than he.”
 - c. Oppression – “I submit because I feel trapped.”
 - 2. What Submission is
 - a. *Phobos* – reverence, honor, and respect – on the basis of submission to Christ, believers are to be subject one to another.
 - b. Voluntary yieldedness in love – it is to be expressed by every family member – Eph. 5:21

III) The Husband and His Wife

- a. He accepts her Christian personhood
- b. He demonstrates love
 - i. Sacrificial love – Eph. 5:25
 - 1. Active expression, on-going response to her; Willing to give up his interest so that her best interest can be advanced; His authority is actually expressed in his self-giving
 - ii. Sanctifying love – Eph. 5:26-27
 - 1. Set her apart for yourself
 - iii. Sacred love - Eph 5:28-30
 - 1. Marriage is honorable – Heb. 13:4; Prov. 18:22
 - iv. Separating love – Eph. 5:31

IV) How Do I Make a Godly Marriage?

- a. *His Needs Her Needs* by Willard F. Harley, Jr.
 - i. **Five Needs of a Woman**
 - 1. Affection
 - 2. Conversation
 - 3. Trust/Honesty
 - 4. Security
 - 5. Family

