

***“Living as Wives &
Husbands: Practical Matters”***

Ephesians 5:22-33

November 16, 2008

Four More Thoughts:

1. Marriage is perhaps the most sacred of human relationships and we should have a sense of awe about it.
 - a. *It's the most physically intimate relationship.*
 - b. *It's the most emotionally intimate relationship.*
 - c. *It's designed to reflect the being of God like nothing else.*
 - d. *It's designed to reflect the beauty and mystery of Christ and the church.*

Hebrews 13:4

“Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”

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2. For those who've sinned against God and marriage...
 - a. If you don't repent you will face the judgment of God.
 - b. If you're willing to repent the mercy of Christ will far outweigh your sin!

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.”

Hebrews 10:19-22

*“¹⁹ Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, **with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**”*

1 John 1:8-9

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**”*

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2. For those who've sinned against God and marriage...
3. For those of you living in less than ideal marriages...
 - a. Your pain is real and valid, and its root is in the heart of God.
 - b. Seek to understand the vision of God and then obey to the best of your ability.
 - c. Prepare your heart to forgive as Christ forgave you.

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4. How should leadership and submission look in a Christian household from day to day?