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Ephesians 5: 1-2, 21



Therefore be imitators of God
as dear children. And walk in love,
as Christ also has loved us and given
Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice
to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Ephesians 5: 1 - 2

...submitting to
one another in the
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Ephesians 5:21



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1. Walk in Love in Marriage.

a. "You are so different, and I receive you!"

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“Therefore receive one another, just as Christ
also received us, to the glory of God.”

Romans 15:7



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1. Walk in Love in Marriage.

b. "You are the love of my life!"

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.



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b. "You are the love of my life!"

So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself.

For no one ever hated his own flesh,
but nourishes and cherishes it,
just as the Lord does the church."

Ephesians 5:25 – 29



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1. Walk in Love in Marriage.

c. "I respect you!"

"Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body.

Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything."

Ephesians 5:22 - 24



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c. "I respect you!"

"Nevertheless let each one of you in particular so love his own wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband."

Ephesians 5:33



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2. Walk in Love in Family.

a. Parent to Child

“And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.”

Ephesians 6:4



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2. Walk in Love in Family.

b. Child to Parent

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

“Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.”

Ephesians 6 : 1 – 3



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2. Walk in Love in Family.

c. Sibling to Sibling

“And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Ephesians 4 : 32



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2. Walk in Love in Family.

“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus...”

Philippians 2:3-5



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3. Walk in Love in Friendships.

...the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul...

Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt."

1 Samuel 18 : 1 – 4



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3. Walk in Love in Friendships.

- a. Friendship is based more on giving than receiving.
- b. Friendship is based on steadfast love.
- c. Friendship is permanent.

2 Samuel 9 : 1



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**“A friend is always loyal,
and a brother is born to help in time of need.”**

Proverbs 17:17



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