

Loving Your Wife 4/1/14

1. Lead by Example. FUNDAMENTAL

Paul ----Tells us in Ephesians 5 – to lead by Christ's example.

- a. My commitment to my wife is not to lead by position.
- b. How do we lead by example?
- c. Predicated on **Eph_5:18**. "And do not be drunk with wine . . . but be filled with the Spirit."

2. Understand Her as a Woman – I have hard time with this one...

1Pe 3:7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with *them* according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered. KJV.

- a. Live with them—How? According to knowledge>>
- b. Challenge you guys to be a student of your wife.

3. Serve Her,

Eph 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

Eph 5:33 However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

Eph 5:21 submitting to one another, out of reverence for Christ.

- a. What happens when you really serve her? She is going to want to serve you.
- b. Mutual submission from both the husband and the wife looks like this.
You first, No You first, No You first.

4. Please Your Wife –

- a. What are five things that make her happy? Write them down. Know them.
- b. Be nice to her with your words and actions...
- c. Most important thing to please your wife is to **MAKE LOVE-----A VERB**.
It's an action. It's something you purpose to do. It's not just a feeling.

5. Compliment Her

- a. Write her notes...Leave them for her to find. Mail them
- b. Buy a stash of greeting cards to keep at your work desk – be prepared to be thoughtful.