

If he, as Ephesians 5:25 commands, is to love his wife as “Christ loved the Church”, then those verses which define Christ’s undying love for the us, also define the husbands undying love for his wife.

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### **1. Helpmate and companion in life pursuits**

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*Ecclesiastes 9:7-9*

*7 Go then, eat your bread in happiness, and drink your wine with a cheerful heart; for God has already approved your works.*

*8 Let your clothes be white all the time, and let not oil be lacking on your head.*

*9 Enjoy life with the woman whom you love all the days of your fleeting life which He has given to you under the sun; for this is your reward in life, and in your toil in which you have labored under the sun.*

*Proverbs 5:18 Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice in the wife of your youth.*

*Genesis 2:18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*

*1 Corinthians 11:9 for indeed man was not created for the woman's sake, but woman for the man's sake.*

- a. Career – who do you want to be helping him and praising him?
- b. Ministry – why do other women praise him more than you and what are the results?
- c. Leisure / Sports – who is his greatest fan?

d. Questions...

- 1.) **If You Do Not Meet These Needs, Who Do You Want To Meet Them –**
- 2.) **What is your spouse's moral alternatives**
- 3.) **Trapping your wife in the prison of the Christian marriage**
- 4.) **Same alternatives when it comes to your needs**