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Practice that kind of love now. No other woman—two-or three-dimensional—should ever capture your attention, mind, or heart the way your wife will. That's how you are meant to love your wife.

But before she becomes your wife, remember that she is someone's daughter and someone's sister. Treat her with the utmost respect. Before she becomes your girlfriend, she should be your friend. She should be a friend you protect. No matter how she may present herself, no matter how flashy, how exposed, or how needy, you are responsible for your actions.

Groom godly, husbandly traits now. Love her with her needs in mind, protecting her virtue, refusing to bend, looking away from temptation. Choose honourable love. Practice counter-cultural love that is more concerned about meeting needs than having needs met. Practice love that appreciates modesty, values mutual respect, and shares devotion to the Lord.

This love is worth waiting for, worth dying for, worth choosing. The flush of feelings will come and go. What keeps a marriage fifty-plus years is not the romantic rush that thunders through your veins. It's recognizing that love is a decision.

Love is a choice to commit. A choice to tether your heart to another until death. Love is a choice to make feelings secondary, and actions purposeful. Decide to love with honor.

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Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 5 vs 25-33. What does it mean to love like Christ loves the church?

2. What does it mean to have a sacrificial love for one another in marriage?

3. Should a man love God more than he loves his wife? Why?

4. What does it mean for the husband to be the spiritual leader? What are his responsibilities?

5. What can we learn from the following scriptures? 1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Corinthians 16:13 & Philippians 2:3.

6. What godly traits should a christian man look for in a future wife?