



Are We Committed To Each Other?

Dear Group Leader,

Commitment to anything, other than ourselves, is at an all-time low in our society. When things don't go our way we just seem to pack up and move on to greener pastures. God's people aren't supposed to live like that. We are supposed to commit ourselves to our families. That is what this lesson will be about.

Peace,
Gilbert Kerrigan

INTRODUCTION

1. Name a hobby that you started, but once it got tough you bailed.

HUSBANDS & WIVES Read Ephesians 5:22-28

1. According to this passage what is the husband suppose to do for his wife?
*In "Experiencing Spiritual Breakthroughs" Bruce Wilkinson was writing about the duty of the husband as found in this passage. He writes, "There it is—Christ's 'role' as head of His bride, the Church, is to bring her to wholeness, holiness, and beauty; in other words, to help her achieve the full measure of what God intends for her life."
That is the husband's role also!*
2. What are some ways husbands can do this for their wives?
3. Wives, in verse 22 you are told to submit to your husbands. How easy would it be to submit to this kind of husband?
4. What can wives do to help her husband live this way? *Proverbs 31:10-31; Genesis 2:18*
Bruce Wilkinson goes on to write this regarding Genesis 2:18, "When the Lord decided to create woman, he fashioned the wife with absolute perfection and with a specific purpose in mind. Everything that the Lord created in that woman—her abilities, impulses, and potential—was tailored to accomplish something special in marriage. Fulfill that role, and both the woman and the man will thrive. Discard it, and something beautiful disappears."

A MESSAGE TO FAMILIES Read Ephesians 4:26-27

1. How can we avoid sinning in our anger?
2. What are some negative effects of letting the sun go down on your anger?
3. How does this give the devil a foothold?
4. How does this passage relate to being committed to each other?