



What does it mean to be a good husband? What does it take? How can we know we're on the right track?

- **Ephesians 5:22-33** reveals that marriage is a portrait, a reflection, a momentary parable of the relationship of Christ to his church (**Rev 19:6-9**).
 - The portrait of a victorious husband _____ with the portrait of Jesus.
 - Victorious husbands are clear _____ of Jesus.
 - Victorious husbands are active _____ with their wives in this earthly parable.

This Requires (Ephesians 4:1):

- Amazing _____ (**Eph 2:1-9**)
- Ongoing _____ (**Eph 2:10**)
- A solid _____ (**Eph 2:19-22**)
- Inner _____ (**Eph 3:14-16**)
- Life-giving _____ (**Eph 3:17-19**)

Victorious Husbands (Ephesians 5:25-33):

- _____?
 - Love their wives as Christ loved the church (**Eph 5:25a; 1 Cor 13:4-8**).
 - Lead by presenting themselves as living sacrifices (**Eph 5:25b; Rom 12:1; Gal 2:20**).
- _____?
 - The word (**Eph 5:26; 1 Cor 15:1-2**): humbly receiving it, penitently seeking cleansing by it, and consistently standing in it...
 - ...that they might lead their wives in the light of it.
- _____?
 - Victorious husbands lead their marriages into harmony with the ultimate marriage when they treat the earthly parable as preparatory for presentation to Christ (**Eph 5:27a**).
 - Which means, husbands, we need to be relentless in our pursuit of holiness (**Eph 5:27b**) that we might serve as examples of and leaders in the pathway of holiness.