

- I. Marriage is a covenant through which God is teaching us about our relationship with Him.
- II. Within this covenant of marriage, the husband is called to love his wife, as Christ loves the church

Instruction for How to Love Our Wives

I. Love Her with Understanding

- A. The text is not simply saying the husband must live in the same home as his wife. It is calling us to something much more - calling us to an intimate life of friendship and love.

- B. The text is calling us to love our wives sacrificially (Ephesians 5:28, 29)

II. Love Her with Honor

- A. To honor your wife, as the weaker vessel, is to esteem her and look up to her because of the way God created her. It is to appreciate her.

- B. The husband that honors his wife, protects his wife.

III. Love Her Graciously - this means not according to performance.

- A. We are called to this because this is how God loves us.

- B. This is how we are called to love our wives - graciously. Our love for them must not be based on their performance.