

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. Trusting and truthful relationship – Proverbs 31:11**

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*11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.*

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  - a. All men want the wife of Proverbs 31 - Here we have insight into the husband of this wife.
  - b. If we continually “protect” our wife by not telling her the truth we treat her as a child not as a helpmate.
  - c. The reason it was not good for man to live alone is the need for a helpmate.
    - 1.) If we refuse to be open and honest with our wives we deprive ourselves of this provision by God
    - 2.) .Not only that we deprive her of her God given ministry.
  - d. It would be as if your wife intercepted your mail and threw away any correspondence concerning your work, finances, family, ministry that she thought would be distressful. This would not be helpful but hurtful. In the same way we hurt our wives by not allowing them to minister to us.
- a. 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**