**Spiritual Headship / Leadership in the Family (*wife* or *wife/children*)**

**Introduction**

* This lesson is meant to be *informational* (rather than condemning)*, exegetical* (despite being topical)*,* and *simple* (primarily one text comprising 4 points of *what,* and 4 points of *how*).
* 1Cor.11:3 provides **God’s *order***of headship/leadership in the family: God > Christ > Man > (*“a”/singular*) Woman.
* Eph.5:22-24 and 6:1-4 provide the ***necessity*** of headship/leadership in the family.

**But Eph.5:25-30 provides both the *description of* and the *how to* regarding headship/leadership in the family:**

* ***Sacrificial love*** is the **foundation, v.25**
* **There are multiple goals/objectives (v.26) …**
1. ***Sanctification,* v.26a**;*hagiazo-* separate(d) from profane things; consecrate(d), dedicate(d)
2. ***Cleansed*** by ***water*** with the ***word*, vv.26b-27a**; *katharizo-* to make clean; cleanse; from which comes our word *catharsis* (purifying) and *cathartic* (purgative)
3. ***Holiness,* v.27b**; *hagios-* holy or most holy
4. ***Blamelessness,* v.27c**; *anomos-* without blemish or censure/reproach
* **These goals are accomplished by: (the *how to* part)**
1. ***Loving* her/them *as your own self/body,* v.28**; *agapan, agapao-* to love dearly
2. ***Nourishing* her/them, v.29a;** *ektrepho-* to nourish or bring up
3. ***Cherishing* her/them, v.29b;** *thalpo-* to warm or keep warm
4. **And doing both *as Christ does the church,* v.29c; because *she/they* are *one flesh with* and *members of* you, vv.30-31**