

**Providing A Home Security System**  
**Ephesians 5:22-33**

**Russell Cook**  
**West End Church of Christ**  
**Knoxville, TN**

1. Someone has suggested four different stages of marriage.
2. Sadly, in our culture today, marriage is under attack.

**I. Marriage Is To Be A Place of Security and Significance.**

- A. Unfortunately that's not always the case.
- B. Consider the following three propositions.
  1. **Proposition #1:** Our two most basic human needs are for security and significance.
  2. **Proposition #2:** Our most basic problem in marriage is that we look to the wrong source for our security and significance. (**Deuteronomy 33:27; Romans 12:4-6**)
  3. **Proposition #3:** Our most basic responsibility in Christian marriage is to reinforce security and significance.

**II. Ephesians 5 Is A Principal Passage on Marriage.**

- A. Paul is saying that we are to be concerned for each other's deepest needs.
- B. The methods and roles differ for husbands and wives, but the principle submissive humility is the same for both.

**III. Paul's Charge To The Wife. (Ephesians 5:22-24)**

- A. This passage teaches that the wife has a primary responsibility.
- B. The central and common element in these verses is Jesus.

**IV. Paul's Charge To The Husband. (Ephesians 5:25, 28, 33)**

- A. Paul commands husbands to love their wives.
- B. Four duties of husbands in this passage.
  1. Love your wives. **Ephesians 5:25a: "Husbands, love your wives"**
  2. Give yourself sacrificially to your wife. **Ephesians 5:25b: "as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her..."**
  3. Aim at making your wife holy. **Ephesians 5:26-27: "to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing of water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."**
  4. Care for your wife. **Ephesians 5:29: "After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church."**