

Ephesians Series

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Husbands' Responsibility to God

Ephesians 5:28–30



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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Matt. 20:20, “Then the mother of Zebedee’s sons came to Him with her sons, kneeling down and asking something from Him.

Matt. 20:21, “And He said to her, ‘What do you wish?’ She said to Him, ‘Grant that these two sons of mine may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on the left, in Your kingdom.’”

Matt. 20:22, “But Jesus answered and said, ‘You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?’ They said to Him, ‘We are able.’”

Matt. 20:23, “So He said to them, ‘You will indeed drink My cup, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared by My Father.’”

Matt. 20:24, “And when the ten heard it, they were greatly displeased with the two brothers.

Matt. 20:25, “But Jesus called them to Himself and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.’ ”

Matt. 20:26, “ ‘Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.’ ”

Matt. 20:27, “ ‘And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—’ ”

Matt. 20:28, “ ‘just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.’ ”

ETERNAL REALITIES

TEMPORAL REALITIES

“POSITIONAL TRUTH”

ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

**“set apart”
legally,
new creation**

Ephesians 2:22

**We are a new creation,
New man,
New building,
New Temple,
New Body**

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2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone *is in Christ*, *he is a new creation*; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

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Eph. 5:25–33 is the central passage for two metaphors describing the relationship of the Church to Jesus Christ. These two metaphors, the bride of Christ and the body of Christ, illustrate the authority of Christ over the Church corporate and individuals within the Church.

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About**

The Bride of Christ



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Christian Love

1. The ultimate mandate for the mentality and life, characteristic of every believer in Christ.

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Christian Love

2. A quality produced as “fruit of the Spirit;” only possible as a result of walking by means of the Spirit.

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,”

3. Definition:

Seeking the “highest and best” for the object of love.

“Highest and best” is defined by God, not by self-centered desires, the human viewpoint culture of the day, or emotions.

4. Husbands are mandated and expected to love their wives unconditionally, not only when they are being submissive, kind, loving, exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit, but when they are not, when they are operating on their sin nature, and when they exhibit unloveable traits.

In Eph. 5:24 Paul writes through the Holy Spirit that “just as the Church is subject to Christ, in the same way wives are to be subject to their own husbands.” Then in Eph. 5:25, “just as” Christ loves the Church, “in the same manner as Christ loved the Church (Eph. 5:28) husbands are spiritually responsible to God to love their wives!”

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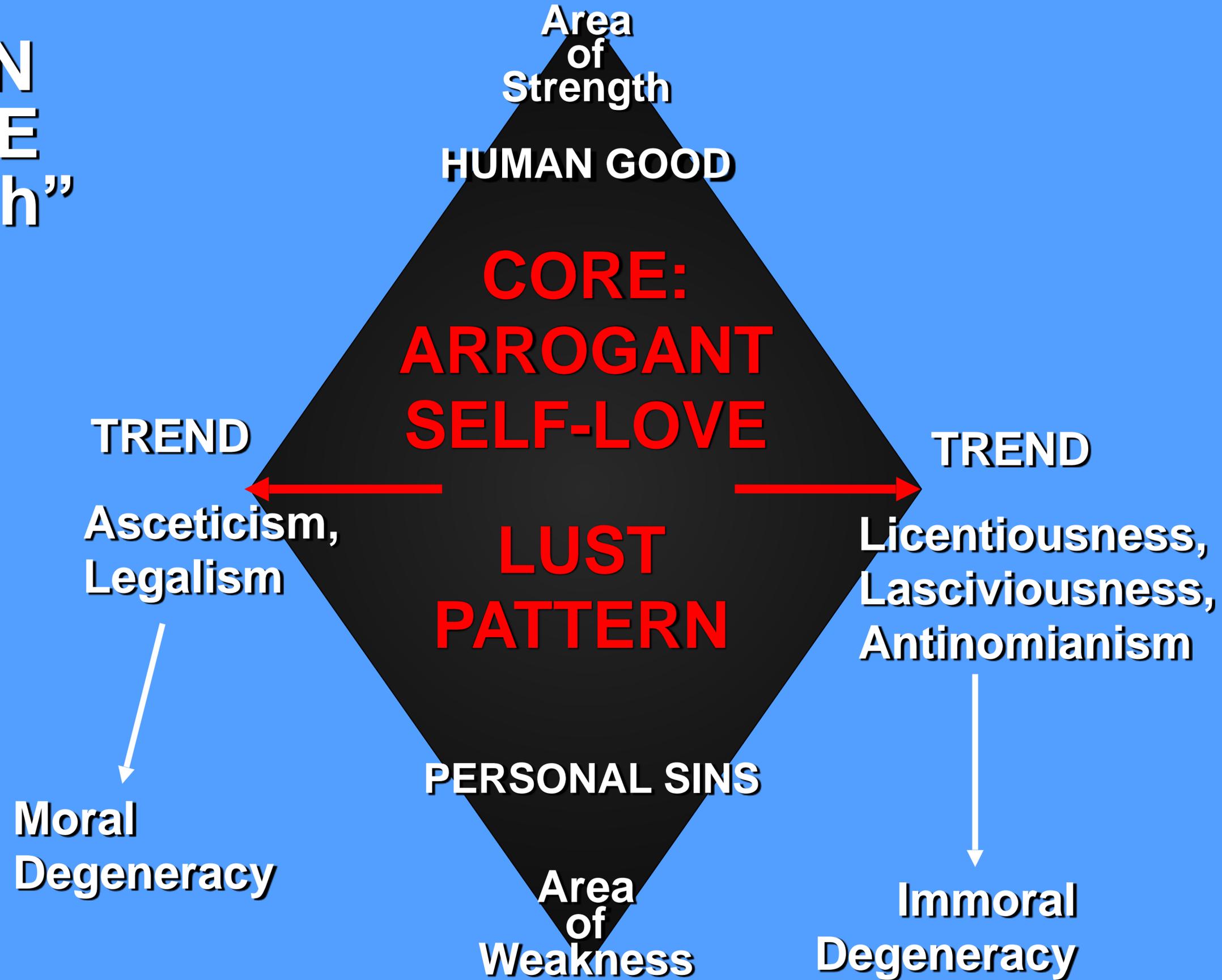
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**THE SIN
NATURE
“the flesh”**



Lev. 19:18b, “... you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”

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This is NOT saying you have to love yourself before you can love others.

It IS saying that we normally put ourselves first. This is love for self, it is arrogant love for self, which is the normal orientation of the sin nature.

The command here is get your eyes off of self and on to God and others.

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μέλος *melos*

**neut plur nom (n)
member, limb, body
part of a human or
animal;
never of a member
of an organization.
The Church is a
living organism.**

Emphasis

The husband should take time to reflect on the love Christ has for His Church, for His body, and its characteristics for his own love for his wife.

**Volitional,
Unchanging,
Eternal,
Faithful,
Dependable,
Loyal,
Sacrificial;**

God's love is based on God's integrity, not on who we are or what we have done.

Our love should be based on God's integrity and the example of Christ on the Cross dying for His Church, His body, His bride!