

“What’s A Man To Do?”

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Once you are married you are no longer defined as an individual nor can you any longer view yourself as an individual.

Men, step in, don’t step on!

5 ways men must “step in” to loved their wives as Christ loves the church.

1. Sacrificial love

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2. Purifying love

“To make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,”

3. Caring love

“Present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.”

4. Satisfying love

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5. Unbreakable love

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5 questions to ask to determine if you’re doing what the man should do.

1. Who initiates spiritual growth in the home?
2. Who feels the moral weight of the finances?
3. Who disciplines the children when both parents are at home?
4. Who initiates conversation about plans, issues or future problems?
5. Who asks the most questions and who gives the most statements?