

THE OWNER'S MANUAL

Ephesians 5:17-33

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So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:17

What does the owner's manual say about building a successful marriage?

1. You need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5:18-21

A. This is a command, not a suggestion.

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. John 14:15

B. This is a life-changer.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

C. It's a home-changer.

2. You need to be focused on your God-given job assignment.

A. A husband's job is to love his wife.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her. Ephesians 5:25

1. He is to sacrifice for her.

2. He is to spiritually lead her.

3. He is to nourish and cherish her.

B. A wife's job is to respect her husband.

... and let the wife see to it that she respect her husband.

Ephesians 5:33

1. She is to build him up, not tear him down.

The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish tears

it down with her own hands. Proverbs 14:1

2. She is to make him feel wanted.

3. She is to yield to his leadership.

Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 5:22-24

If you will daily follow the owner's manual, you will experience a world of difference!