

Victorious Husbands

- A. We live in the midst of a confused culture wherein the most fundamental aspects of humanity are frequently blurred and distorted.
- B. We've been following the lead of Jesus (*"Have you not read?" Matt 19:4*) in going back to the beginning in order to find rock-solid, God-shaped ground on which to stand and build.
- C. What does it mean, according to God, to be a victorious husband?
 - 1. *Ephesians 5:22-33* establishes the fact that marriage is a portrait, a reflection, a momentary parable of the relationship of Christ to his church (*Rev 19:6-9*).
 - 2. Most fundamentally:
 - a. The portrait of a victorious husband _____ with the portrait of Jesus.
 - b. Victorious husbands are clear _____ of Jesus.
 - c. Victorious husbands are active _____ with their wives in this earthly parable.

I. This Requires (*Eph 4:1*):

- A. Amazing _____ (*Eph 2:1-9*)
- B. Ongoing _____ (*Eph 2:10*)
- C. A solid _____ (*Eph 2:19-22*)
- D. Inner _____ (*Eph 3:14-16*)
- E. Life-giving _____ (*Eph 3:17-19*)

II. Victorious Husbands (*Eph 5:25-33*)

- A. _____?
 - 1. Love their wives as Christ loved the church (*Eph 5:25a; 1 Cor 13:4-8*).
 - 2. Lead by presenting themselves as living sacrifices (*Eph 5:25b; Rom 12:1; Gal 2:20*).
- B. _____?
 - 1. The word (*Eph 5:26; 1 Cor 15:1-2*): humbly receiving it, penitently seeking cleansing by it, and consistently standing in it..
 - 2. ...that they might lead their wives in the light of it.
- C. _____?
 - 1. Victorious husbands lead their marriages as close as possible to the ultimate marriage when they treat the earthly parable as preparatory for presentation to Christ (*Eph 5:27a*).
 - 2. Which means, husbands, we need to be relentless in our pursuit of holiness (*Eph 5:27b*) that we might serve as examples of and leaders in the pathway of holiness.