

# Respect: The Esteem that Preserves Us

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Ephesians 5:21-33

<sup>21</sup>Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

## How Do You Spell R-E-S-P-E-C-T?

<sup>25a</sup>Husbands, love your wives.

**John 1:14a** <sup>14a</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

➤ **Christ-like love means being willing to enter her world.**

**Romans 5:8** <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

➤ **Christ-like love means taking the first step toward reconciliation.**

**Philippians 2:6-7** <sup>6</sup>Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

➤ **Christ-like love means giving up your preferences and comforts.**

**1. For their wives, husbands spell respect: L-O-V-E.**

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.

<sup>33</sup>However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**2. For their husbands, wives spell respect: R-E-S-P-E-C-T.**

**Ephesians 6:1** <sup>1</sup>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

**3. For their parents, children spell respect: O-B-E-Y.**

**Ephesians 6:4** <sup>4</sup>Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

**4. For their children, parents spell respect: N-U-R-T-U-R-E.**