

WIFE MARRIAGE REF

PART 3: OFFENSIVE PLAYS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2016

Ephesians 5:21-28 MSG Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. 22-24 Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. 25-28 Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting. Christ's love makes the church whole. His words evoke her beauty. Everything he does and says is designed to bring the best out of her, dressing her in dazzling white silk, radiant with holiness. And that is how husbands ought to love their wives. They're really doing themselves a favor—since they're already "one" in marriage.

1ST DOWN: We surrender our _____ for the _____ of the team.

- ❖ What is best for the team is not always best for me personally.

Luke 22:42 Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.

2ND DOWN: _____ is our lifestyle.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

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- ❖ Marriages don't fail, _____ do.

3RD DOWN: We give _____.

Verse 25: Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting.

- ❖ We give encouraging _____.
- ❖ We give in _____.
- ❖ We give quality _____.
- ❖ We give in _____.
- ❖ Men give _____ and Women give _____.

Ephesians 5:33 However, each one of you also must love (Agape) his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Revelations 2:5 NLV Remember how you once loved Me. Be sorry for your sin and love Me again as you did at first.

TALK IT OVER

5. What are some things you enjoyed as a couple when you were first married that you no longer do?
6. Are there any areas in your marriage that you have allowed your will to dominate over your spouse?
7. What are some areas that you could better serve your spouse?
8. Rate yourself on a scale of 1-6 for each of the five giving areas listed under "3RD DOWN." How would your spouse rate you?

**All scriptures are from the NIV translation unless otherwise noted.*