

**Assault of the Paramours: the Importance of Evangelizing Paramours; Esprit-de-Corps Love:
Wives Submit & Husbands Love, Eph 5:21-23; 25**

26. Therefore, if he is attracted by her thinking he may be considered a prospect. If she is only physically attractive to him then he is no more than a suspect that needs to be cut from the roster.
27. This is the execution of divine guidance. It is so easy to know the score right from the beginning of a relationship. The doctrinal damsel has a built-in power source which enables her to discern the difference between suspects and prospects. The problem is that so many are afraid to use it or don't even want to.
28. Emotion often overrides truth and she not only compromises the Word of God, she compromises a lifetime of happiness with her real right man for a poor substitute who is only a mere shadow of the real thing.
29. The truth that should override emotion is: stand fast for truth and let God take care of the details.
30. Warning: Just because you are successful in evangelizing a paramour is no reason to pick out a silver pattern. Spiritually, you are light-years ahead of him. It is not only difficult it is unbiblical for the woman to be the spiritual leader of a household. This is the man's job. And until he gets up to speed spiritually, the marriage relationship cannot function efficiently as a corporate testimony.
31. This is why it is so important to evangelize a young man at the very beginning of a dating relationship since you never know what is going to happen during the attraction stage.
32. However, even if the relationship is not destined to be romantic, as is usually the case, at least the person's soul is saved.
33. One of these days that paramour at the door could indeed be the doctrinal damsel's right man. If she has made the practice of evangelizing all paramours then that will be her policy with him as well.
34. Successful evangelism will get him started early in Bible study where he will advance spiritually on a daily basis. Then when emotional entanglements do occur and marriage is being discussed there will be no reason for parents to be anything but pleased, excited, and supportive.
35. Based on mutual advance in spiritual growth this couple's relationship is solid and productive and will become the absolute essential foundation for a new Christian home in client nation America.
36. The best case scenario is when that paramour at the door is not a paramour at all but a fellow believer who is already making the advance to the sophisticated spiritual life.
37. Either way, this resultant union is bound together in esprit de corps and prepared to execute the duties of the corporate marriage. First the mandate for the wife in:

Ephesians 5:21 - Submit [the present middle imperative participle of ὑποτάσσω, *hypotassō*: a military word that commands willing response to authority] to one another out of reverence to Christ.

v. 22 - Wives be subject [ὑποτάσσω, *hypotassō*: supplied here in an example of the mandate in verse 21] to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

v. 23 - 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.

38. Secondly in the passage is the commandment given to the husband:

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

39. Note the mandate for esprit de corps love for the wife which is the result of the husband's esprit de corps love for Christ.

40. The wife is not commanded to love her husband but to respect him:

Ephesians 5:33 - Each individual among you also is to love his own wife even as himself, and the wife must see to it that she respects her husband.

41. Note that in this context Paul does not command the wife to love the husband but rather to respect him. The word is the present middle subjunctive of φοβέομαι, *phobeomai*.