

SERMON NOTES

Title: How To Spell Love to Your Husband
Text: Ephesians 5:33
Resource: *Love & Respect* by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs
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A. These folks need a good lesson on “Love and Respect.”

B. Today I want to talk about how to spell respect to your husband. [Ephes. 5:33 \(NIV\)](#), [1 Peter 3:1-2 \(NASB-U\)](#)

Body:

I. “C” is for conquest.

A. “By ‘conquest’ I mean the natural, inborn desire of the man to go out and ‘conquer’ the challenges of his world – to work and achieve.” [Genesis 1:26-28 \(NASB-U\)](#), [Genesis 2:15 \(NASB-U\)](#)

B. It is in the nature of men (in general) “to be a hunter, a worker, a doer.”

II. “H” is for hierarchy.

A. “Another desire God built into the man is to protect and provide for his wife and family and, if necessary, to die for them.” [Ephes. 5:23 \(NASB-U\)](#)

B. Ladies, if you want a love and respect marriage, don’t argue or fight against hierarchy.

III. “A” is for authority.

A. Ephesians 5:21 says: “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. [Ephes. 5:22-23 \(NIV\)](#)

B. Does this mean that the wife has no say so in the marriage? No, a husband needs his wife to complete him.

IV. “I” is for insight.

A. Female intuition is a reality.

B. But it is also true that women have blind spots and need insight from their husbands. [1 Tim. 2:14 \(NASB-U\)](#)

V. “R” is for relationship. [Titus 2:3-5 \(NASB-U\)](#)

A. The word here for love is “*phileo*,” the word for a close brotherly or friendship relationship.

B. Women approach friendship face to face and usually with lots of words.

VI. “S” is for sexuality.

A. As a wife, you spell respect to your husband when you appreciate his sexual desire for you. [1 Cor. 7:5 \(NASB-U\)](#)

B. “The rule that never changes is: *you can’t get what you need by depriving your partner of what your partner needs.*”

C. Intimacy is not just about those things that increase feelings of love between a husband and wife.

Conclusion:

A. Ladies, I have an assignment for you.

B. God demonstrated His love and respect us by sending Jesus into the world to die for us.