



- E. **Enliven** 5:28-29
  - A husband's love should bring life to his wife as she is cherished & nourished
  - He should not suck the life out of her but infuse life into her.
    - A husband should make her blossom – (husbandry – care for plant so it flourishes)
    - A husband's love should be as Jonathan's honey (1 Sam. 14:27)
  - A husband is called to be "*the Savior of the body*" 5:23
    - Never abuse verbally or physically. (any man who does so is not a Christian man)
    - A Christian husband is *the savior of the body* not an abuser of the body
    - The husband is *The Head* to provide, protect, cherish & nourish *The Body*
- R. **Refining** 5:25-27
  - A husband is called to exhibit a purifying love to his wife.
    - His love is to purify her and refine her in righteousness
  - He is the priest and pastor in the home. He is to lead her to righteousness
    - The husband is the head and must lead his wife spiritually
      - 1 Cor. 14:34-35 love her enough to have a doctrinal and Biblical answer
  - A husband love is to have a sanctifying and cleansing effect on his wife set her apart
  - His love should cause her to radiate with glory - 5:27
    - His love should iron out her "wrinkles" and cleanse her "spots"
  - A Christian husband should make all the difference in world to her growth in her most holy faith. His love for her should encourage a lovely faith within her.
- V. **Verbal** 5:26
  - A husband's love for his wife is to be verbal
  - Jesus is the "WORD" and He speaks to us with words. (the Bible is verbal – words)
    - Aren't you glad our Creator communicates with us and the Lover of our souls talks to us?
  - Language is part of the Image of God we are reflect in relationship
    - Communication is key to any marital relationship.
  - Not uncommon for a wife to complain that her husband does not talk to her
  - Not talking has a "*dirtying*" effect on a relationship. Communication is cleansing – 5:26
  - Husbands are to love their wives with their words just as Jesus loves His church with His words. Jesus' words are life and bring life - John 6:63,68
    - A husband's words should bring purifying/cleansing life to his wife.
    - Song of Solomon 5:16
- E. **Exclusive** 5:31
  - A husband's love for his wife is to be an exclusive friendship and relationship
  - There is a priority to the marital relation that supersedes all others.
  - All other ties should be loosed or cut in favor of the priority...the higher love
    - The wife is the queen, and all others are pawns that can be lost to win the game
    - A dog is not a man's best friend...(nor anyone/anything else) - his wife is
  - *Secondhand Lions* clip
  - A husband's love is to be so passionate & exclusively focused on his wife that the fleas of this world will not be able to comprehend the depth or extent of that love.
  - A *Selfless & Sacrificial* love that *Enlivens* her, *Refines* her, is *Verbal* with her and is *Exclusively* is focused on her and her alone. Husbands, love your wife and S.E.R.V.E you wife
  - Being married to a Christian man should make all the difference in the world.