



**Series:** This Is Life

**Passage** Colossians 3:12-17,19

**Title** A Man's Role in Marriage Part 2

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## Discussion Starter

What are some of the concrete ways you have seen the LORD enable you to apply the principles we have been learning from God's word in the "This is Life" series?

## Review Foundations of Marriage (Colossians 3:12-17, 19; Ephesians 5:23-28)

- What are the four foundational truths we have studied in Colossians 3:12-17 and how is the progressive order also important in how these truths are revealed? Read Isaiah 28:10. What further insights do we gain from this verse?
- How do you think your neighbors would describe your household to a friend? Would there be something different about how you interact with your own family and how you interact with your neighbors?
- What role does being thankful to Jesus have in your life? How do you express this thankfulness? What effect should being thankful have in our lives?
- Describe what it means to you to "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly"? Read Hosea 4:6-7. What are some of the warnings we see mentioned in these verses and how do they apply to us today?
- What are some of the obstacles that get in the way of a man loving his wife with pursuing love? Why do these obstacles go away when we put on Christ? Give some examples.
- Men, in what ways have you been enlightened to see some different aspects of what it looks like to lay your life down for your wife as a husband? Women, from your point of view what areas do men most often overlook that mean a lot to you?

## You Are of Significant Importance to God (Genesis 1:26-28)

- Describe the three unique aspects about God's creation of man? Describe the significance of each of these three unique aspects and how they point to our importance and value to God.
- What is the dominion that God gave in Genesis 1:26, to whom is it given, and why is it given?
- What dominion does God call us to in our marriages in light of today's world?

## Husband's Responsibility to Protect the Dominion God has given to Him and His Wife

- Putting to death sinful, addictive behaviors is the first thing for the Husband. What are some of the ones that first come to your mind? Which ones are harder to notice or are more readily looked over in our society? Read John 8:34-36 and Galatians 5:1,13. What additional insights do these verses give us, and why must the man protect this dominion?
- Read Ephesians 5:23. How does this verse speak to a man on taking responsibility for his family's physical and spiritual well-being? What should that practically look like in everyday life?