



Daily Reflections

October 25, 2016

Scripture

Ephesians 5:21-33

Brothers and sisters:

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord.

For the husband is head of his wife

just as Christ is head of the Church,

he himself the savior of the Body.

As the Church is subordinate to Christ,

so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything.

Husbands, love your wives,

even as Christ loved the Church

and handed himself over for her to sanctify her,

cleansing her by the bath of water with the word,

that he might present to himself the Church in splendor,

without spot or wrinkle or any such thing,

that she might be holy and without blemish.

So also husbands should love their wives as their own bodies.
He who loves his wife loves himself.
For no one hates his own flesh
but rather nourishes and cherishes it,
even as Christ does the Church,
because we are members of his Body.
For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother
and be joined to his wife,
and the two shall become one flesh.
This is a great mystery,
but I speak in reference to Christ and the Church.
In any case, each one of you should love his wife as himself,
and the wife should respect her husband.

Our Scripture Reflection

To a society that has been heavily influenced by the Marxist version of radical feminism, today's text will sound offensive to many women. Was that Paul's intent? Of course not!

Paul opens our reading by writing, "Be subordinate TO ONE ANOTHER". Everyone seems to have an opinion these days and they are often quicker to speak than to listen. Paul is calling all of us to be humble towards one another and to put others before oneself. Paul also underscores Jesus' definition of marriage: One man and one woman for life.

Food for your Journey

An elderly couple were paying for groceries in the checkout line, and happened to be discussing the celebration for their approaching 50th wedding anniversary.

After a few moments of conversation, the young woman at the cash register shook her head wearily and said, "I can't imagine being married to the same man for 50 years!"

The wife wisely replied, teaching the young girl a lesson at the same time, "Well, honey, don't get married until you can."

Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Bless, protect and strengthen my family and all families. May we learn to be humble before one another. Amen.