

**Champions Arise Study Guide**  
**Series: Every Man a Warrior, Program: #17 (EMAW 17)**  
**The Godly Husband**

Focus passage – Ephesians 5:25: *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”*

1) How much has your father or a significant male figure influenced how you act as a husband? In what ways?

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2) What are examples of negative ways some men act in their marriages?

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3) What are Christ-like character traits God wants men to use in their marriages?

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*“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” Galatians 5:22-23.*

4) What can happen when men use negative behaviors with their wives instead of acting in a godly way?

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5) What are 5 qualities of a godly husband?

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- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

**Commitment:** I commit to developing the five qualities of a godly husband in my life.

## The Godly Husband – LEADER’S GUIDE

1. Thank everyone for coming.
2. Open in prayer
3. Read the focus passage.
4. Ask men to answer Question #1. Remind the men that what is said at these meetings is confidential. Ask for positive and negative examples of ways the men were influenced.
5. Listen to the program: “The Godly Husband”
6. After the program is finished, allow time for comments or questions on the program
7. Review the answers to the four remaining questions with the men in the group. Encourage everyone to participate, but never force or shame someone into participating.
  - a. Question #2 answer: Controlling, harsh, self-centered, insensitive, unsympathetic, unfeeling, unkind, demanding, demeaning, critical, derogatory, and judgmental.
  - b. Question #3 answer: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
  - c. Question #4 answer: Our sons can learn to disrespect women and our daughters can learn that they deserve to be dishonored by men.
  - d. Question #5 answer:
    1. You love your wife and give up your life for her.
    2. You show her honor and kindness on a regular basis.
    3. You learn to value her as a gift from God to give you balance and perspective.
    4. You don’t resent her differences or be harsh with her as she struggles with her own woundedness.
    5. You give her grace as she wrestles to follow your leadership.
8. Ask the men what was most important to them from this teaching.
9. Ask the men to commit to helping each other to develop the five qualities of a godly husband.
10. Confirm the time for the next meeting
11. Take prayer requests.
12. Close in prayer

Sample prayer: Heavenly Father, please help me learn to be a godly husband to my wife. In Jesus name, Amen.