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The Christian Home: Husbands

Colossians 3:19 | Adam Bowers | 12/13/20

1. Why do you think Paul's instructions to husbands and wives in Colossians 3:18-19 are so different?
2. Do you think it is hard for most husbands to love their wives consistently? Why or why not?
3. Paul used the word "agape" when telling husbands to love their wives in Colossians 3:19. What is the significance of this word compared to other words he could have used like "storge," "phileo," and "eros?"
4. **Love enough to lead**
Adam said that leadership is primarily about three things: responsibility, influence, and initiative. How can a husband be loving in his leadership through these three areas?
5. **Love enough to be inconvenienced**
Daily life in marriage is less about big sacrifices and more about being inconvenienced. What kinds of inconveniences tend to show up in marriage? What are examples of handling these inconveniences in loving ways? What should we do if inconveniences repeatedly cross a line into taking advantage of someone?
6. **Love enough to be present**
What are some ways husbands can be intentionally present with their wives? What kinds of things get in the way of this aspect of love?
7. **Love enough to be gentle**
Peter said that husbands should treat their wives like delicate pottery ("weaker vessels"). Was Peter degrading women in 1 Peter 3:7? Why or why not?

What does gentleness look like for a husband to a wife? Is it different for different couples?