

# Bible Study

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## 1 Word List

Word	Meaning	Word Root and Meaning
Relation	A connection or association between two or more people or things	Relat- (to carry back, to report)
Wife	A married woman considered in relation to her spouse	Wif- (woman)
Husband	A married man considered in relation to his spouse	Husbond- (master of the house)
Family	A group consisting of parents and children living together in a household	Famil- (household, family)
Respect	A feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities, or achievements	Respect- (to look at/about, to regard)
Convict	A person found guilty of a crime and sentenced by a court	Con- (together, with) + vict- (to overcome, conquer)
Convince	To cause someone to believe something is true	Con- (together, with) + vince- (to conquer)
Control	The power to influence or direct people's behavior or the course of events	Control- (to check, verify)
Coerce	To persuade someone to do something by force or threat	Co- (together, with) + erc- (to work)
Expectation	A strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future	Ex- (out, from) + spect- (to look, see)
Love	A strong feeling of affection or attachment toward someone or something	Lufu- (to love)

## 2 OpenAI Article

### 2.1 Biblical Article One

God's Expectation on Love and Respect in Marriage

Marriage is a sacred bond that establishes a **relation** between a **husband** and **wife**. Two people come together to form a **family** and share a life of **love**, companionship, and **respect**. As Christians, we are called to uphold God's **expectations** and values when it comes to marriage.

In Ephesians 5:25-33, the Bible commands **husbands** to **love** their wives as Christ **loved** the church. Christ gave himself up for the church, and so **husbands** should be willing to do the same for their wives. This means that **husbands** should not try to **control** or **coerce** their wives but should treat them with **love**, **respect**, and grace. A **wife** should feel valued and cherished by her **husband**.

In 1 Peter 3:7, God says that **husbands** should live with their wives in an understanding way, showing honor to them as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with their **husbands** of the grace of life so that your prayers may not be hindered. Husbands should listen to their wives' opinions and insights and make decisions through mutual agreement and **respect**.

Marriage is not one-sided; it involves the participation and contribution of both the **husband** and the **wife**. In Paul's letter to the Colossians, he instructs wives to submit to their **husbands**, "as is fitting in the Lord" (Colossians 3:18-19). This does not mean that a **wife** should allow her **husband** to **control** or **coerce** her, but rather she should **respect** her **husband** and willingly follow his lead in decision-making as a sign of submission to God's will.

God's **expectation** of **husbands** and wives is rooted in **love**, and when **love** is present, **respect** follows. In 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Paul writes, "Love is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." These characteristics of **love** should be the foundation of every marriage.

In conclusion, God's **expectation** for marriages is for the **husband** and the **wife** to **love** and **respect** each other. A marriage cannot function if one spouse is **controlling** or coercive and does not **respect** his or her partner. Love requires that both parties listen to each other, honor each other, and make decisions together in mutual agreement and **respect**. As Christians, we must model our marriages according to God's Word to fulfill the purpose of marriage, which is to glorify God by loving, serving, and **respecting** each other.

Bible Verses:

- Ephesians 5:25-33 - 1 Peter 3:7 - Colossians 3:18-19 - 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

## 2.2 Biblical Article Two

Loving Relationships in the Eyes of God

The Bible encourages us to build strong and healthy **relationships** with **respect** and **love** as the foundation. It is essential to understand that the **family**, the **relation** between **husband** and **wife**, is a blessing from God.

In today's society, many young people tend to view **relationships** as a way of **control** or coercion. They tend to have **expectations** and demands that are unrealistic and unhealthy. 1 Corinthians 13:4-5 states, "Love is patient, **love** is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."

It is essential to understand that **love** is not only an emotion but also a decision that should be made with wisdom and discernment. First and foremost, it is essential to seek God's guidance in our **relationships**, and also to have a clear view of what **love** should look like. Romans 12:9-10 says, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in **love**. Honor one another above yourselves."

Respect is an essential aspect of a healthy **relationship**. Respect involves valuing the other person's opinions, feelings, and ideas. This is not something that we should demand from others, but something that we should give willingly. Ephesians 5:33 instructs, "However, each one of you also must **love** his **wife** as he **loves** himself, and the **wife** must **respect** her **husband**."

When we **respect** one another, it will be easier to **convict** and **convince** one another in a godly manner. Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit, and it is not our role to force it upon someone else. However, we should be willing to share it with **love** and gentleness. 2 Timothy 4:2 states, "Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke, and encourage — with great patience and careful instruction."

Nevertheless, we should never try to **control** or **coerce** our **loved** ones into doing something that they don't want to do. This type of manipulation destroys **relationships** and trust. Proverbs 21:9 advises, "Better to live on a corner of the roof than share a house with a quarrelsome **wife**."

In conclusion, **relationships** are a gift from God, and they should be treated with reverence and gratitude. Love, **respect**, and communication are the foundation of a strong and healthy **relationship**. God desires for us to live in peace and harmony with one another. James 1:19-20 says, "My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires."

Let us strive to build loving **relationships** with our **family** members, friends, and significant others, reflecting the **love** of God in our lives.

Bible verses used:

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (NIV) Romans 12:9-10 (NIV) Ephesians 5:33 (NIV) 2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV) Proverbs 21:9 (NIV) James 1:19-20 (NIV)