

## “NO CAN DO” A CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

EPHESIANS 5:15-21

How did you see God working in your marriage this week?

Background: “Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful of proud, never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong.” Kenneth Taylor, *Living New Testament*, I Cor. 12:4-5.

***WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING*** of God’s will. “That is, see to it that your conduct is accurate with respect to the demands of the Word of God. On this account, stop becoming those who are without reflection or intelligence, but be understanding what the Lord’s will is.” Kenneth Wuest, *Word Studies in the New Testament*, Vol. I, p. 126, 127. (Ephesians 5:15-17, Romans 1:25, 28, fn 1:25, John 7:17-18, fn 7:16-18, Romans 12:1, 2, fn 12:2, II Timothy 3:16, fn 3:16, 17) *What attitude should you have about the Word of God in your marriage? How can you know God’s will for your marriage?*

***WITHOUT DIRECTION*** of the Holy Spirit. The vital key to the Christian marriage is to be filled, controlled, and guided by the Holy Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is the evidence of a life controlled by the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18-20, fn 5:18, Romans 8:12-17, fn 8:14-17, Galatians 5:16-26, fn 5:16-18) *What should be the role of the Holy Spirit in your marriage?*

***WITHOUT SUBMISSION***—“No believer is inherently superior to any other believer. In their standing before God, they are equal in every way.” *The MacArthur Study Bible*, footnote on Ephesians 5:21. Therefore, all Christians should be submissive to one another. (Ephesians 5:21, fn 5:21, 22, John 13:14-17, fn 13:1-17, Philippians 2:1-5, fn 2:1-5, Galatians 3:26-29, fn 3:28, II Corinthians 5:10, fn 5:9, 10) *How will your reverent submission to Christ encourage each member of your family to know Him?*

The Bible was not written for our information only but for our transformation. *How will these verses change you in your walk with God and others, including your spouse?*

***Pray for one another’s needs.***

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