

## CouplesInBloom.com – Wife Wine

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A glorious wife is an extremely attractive proposition... all because God created it so. **Having** such a wife requires thoroughly renovating the husband... also by God's design. Many marriage problems come from skipping or skimping on any of God's renovations.

Jesus' first miraculous sign (after His conception) is where He changed water to wine ⇒ John 2:1-11. The setting was a wedding which Jesus and His disciples were invited to attend, and did. Jesus lived His life to glorify God His Father. This miraculous sign resulted in Jesus' disciples believing that Jesus was indeed God. Yet there is more to see:

Grape vines *also* turn water into wine... over time. The miraculous sign to unbelievers was how *fast* it happened; the miraculous sign to believers was *how* it happened. Unbelievers look *outwardly*; believers look *inwardly* ⇒ 1 Samuel 16:7. The six water pots filled to the brim are a picture of maximum (*brim*) human (the number *six*) effort. Water changing to wine is a picture of God doing what humans cannot do: miracles.

God alone can renovate the human heart unlike anything else yet waits for cooperation from the person before starting. Ephesians 5 ⇒ shows a three step process for a husband to **have** a glorious wife; it first requires his participation... part of God's renovation:

- 1) 5:25 ⇒ **Husband: love your wife.**
- 2) 5:26 ⇒ **Husband: wash your wife.**
- 3) 5:27 ⇒ **Husband: have a glorious wife.**

Unlike the simplicity of a bride's dream of her wedding day or a groom's dream of his wedding night, to **have** and to hold involves far more than Habendum clause conveyance. Divorce, prenuptial contracts and other miseries self-indict the lie that happily-ever-after marriage just happens. God invented marriage, including what is needed for it to be great.

Ephesians 5:25 ⇒ **Husband: love your wife.** The root idea of *this* word **love** is ***much***, so understand this, "Husband: ***much*** your wife." In other words, however a husband loves his wife, *literally defined* it needs to be affectionate, benevolent and a feast. This is Bible; God speaking who designed wives. Worldliness tells women to be men and to not be "needy" which is wrong: Over-needy? **NO**. Created to thrive when ***loved much***? **YES**.

Ephesians 5:26 ⇒ **Husband: wash your wife.** This verse literally means to make holy and pure by baptism (full immersion) in rhema (life-giving words). Besides statistics stating women speak 20,000 words daily compared to men's 7,000, it is also true that a wife needs her husband's many words flowing upon her like water. As the husband is the priest over his home and wife ⇒ Ephesians 5:23-24, his words are a continuous ministry.

Ephesians 5:27 ⇒ **Husband: have a glorious wife.** The verse actually says the husband *presents* his glorious wife *to himself*... referencing verses 25 ⇒ He gave himself for her. The gloriousness of the wife is the result of what the husband does for her (the context of ⇒ Ephesians 5). God designed marriage so that the love of a husband is what changes (plain) water in his **wife to wine**. Others may notice her beauty but her husband is the one who speaks her beauty into manifestation... increasingly better over time ⇒ John 2:10.

God's design of **wife wine** is the fruit of her husband ministering in Jesus' power. ♥