

- I. Form a firm foundation
- A. Submit to each other
I Cor 11:3; Eph 6:1-9;
John 10:30; 5:17; 8:49;
John 14:28; 8:29;
Luke 17:37; Matt 10:25
- B. Love unconditionally
I Cor 13:5; Eph 4:32
- C. Respect each other
Prov 19:13b; 21:9, 19;
Prov 25:24; 27:15-16
- II. Fashion a forbidding fortress
- A. Wall up the weaknesses
Heb 12:12-13;
Song of Sol 8:8-9
- B. Guard the gates
Joshua 6:1;
I Cor 15:33
- C. Eliminate the infiltrators
Prov 29:12
- III. Fight
- A. Submit to God
James 4:7-8;
Eph 4:26-27
- B. Demolish enemy strongholds
II Cor 10:3-5;
Prov 21:22;
Prov 2:6; 19:8
- C. Use the sword
Eph 6:17;
Matt 4:4, 7, 10
- D. Pray
Eph 6:18;
Ex 17:8-13

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
²² Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. ²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. ²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. ²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ²⁶ to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, ²⁷ and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. ²⁸ In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- ³⁰ for we are members of his body. ³¹ "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." ³² This is a profound mystery-- but I am talking about Christ and the church. ³³ However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

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“WW II”

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