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Meaning of the word Cherish: care about deeply; to have the highest regard for; prize, treasure; to treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear.

How does one cherish someone? Have you ever wondered? I think many couples go through life not cherishing one another. I am talking especially to husbands today. The Lord said in His word that the one who receives a wife finds good favour with our Lord.

*He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favour from the Lord. Proverbs 18:22*

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*Enjoy life with the wife whom you love, all the days of your vain life that He has given you under the sun, because that is your portion in life and in your toil at which you toil under the sun. Ecclesiastes 9:9*

I remember when I was little I received a teddy bear on my birthday. I cherished it so much, loved it and took good care of it. I never let it out of my sight. I protected it and everything the little bear needed, I supplied. Don't you think the Lord wants the same from us as husbands, to love our wives as the rare findings they are? Even if your wife doesn't love you this very moment, your love for her doesn't have to change. You can still love her.

God is never changing. He loves us even when we sometimes turn our backs on Him. He loves us no matter what we do. He always waits for us with open arms. Almost like the prodigal son's father, who didn't care what his son had done. He was just glad to have him back home, safe and sound.

When I was in the gym today, a song played on the radio. The woman sang about a love that will never ends, a love that doesn't have any reason to stop loving, a love that loves no matter what. The only one that has a love like that is our Lord Jesus Christ. He tells us in Romans 8 that His love for us will never change. Nothing can ever take us out of His hands. Wow, what a promise!

You can ask The Lord to help you love your husband or wife the way He loves us. The love our Lord God has for us is never ending. To love someone, one doesn't have to have a reason. My wife asked me the question many times; why do you love me? One will think why? The Lord showed me the love He has for me, and now I could better understand how He wanted me to love my wife from the start.

Dear husband or wife, the Lord gave you a beautiful present. He gave you one of His sons or daughters, to love and to hold, for better and for worse. To love them without any reason, to take care of and cherish them. My wife is certainly the most beautiful jewel the Lord could ever give me. I love her even more now than when we first got married.

As I said in the beginning of this devotional, Love them, no matter how they act. If they hate you, love them, if they accuse you, love them. If they irritate you, love them. When they leave

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you or reject you, love them. Our Lord Jesus loved us through everything we had done to Him. He loved His disciples even when they abandoned Him at the cross.

God wants us to love our beloved the same way He loves the Church.

*Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.*

*Ephesians*

5:22-33