

Love and Respect

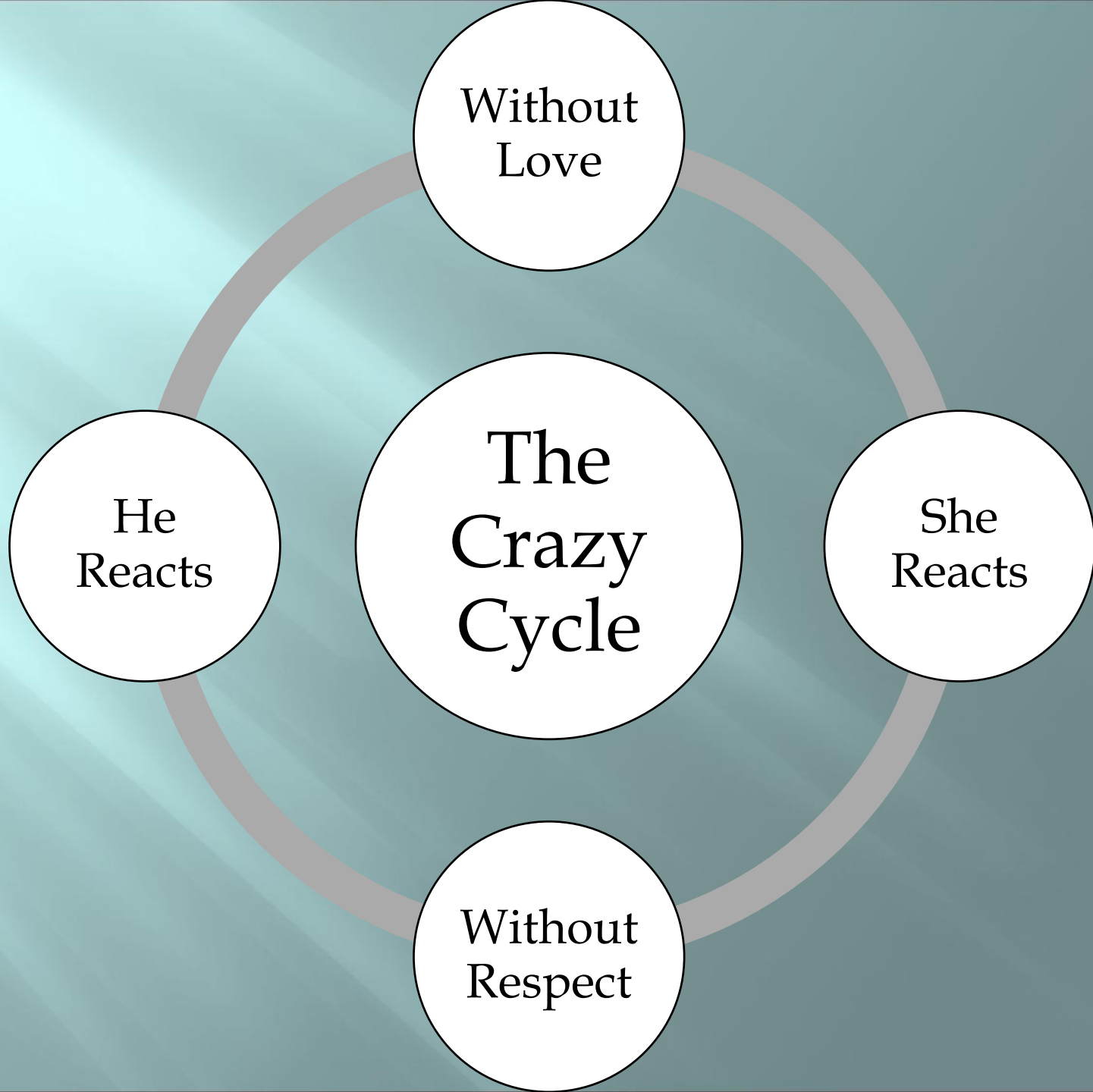
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Ephesians 5 vs 22 - 24

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to Himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church

Each one of you must **love his wife** as he loves himself and the wife must **respect her husband**

Ephesians 5 vs 33



**Then God said, “Let us
make man (mankind) in
our image, in our
likeness**

Genesis 1vs26

**So God created man
(mankind) in His own
image in the image of God
He created him ; male and
female He created them.**

Gen 1 vs 27

**The Lord God took the man
and put him in the garden
of Eden to work it and take
care of it**

Gen 2 vs 15

**The Lord God said, “It is not
good for the man to be
alone. I will make a helper
suitable for him”**

Gen 2 vs 18

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Definitions

Submit - Give over , yield to power or authority of another. To defer to another.

Respect - Admire deeply, as a result of their position, abilities, qualities. Esteem, think highly of, appreciate, value, cherish

Submit:

**Submission is a positive,
deliberate, voluntary
donation of all you have and
are for the wellbeing of
another**

Joyce Huggett

Submit:

Eph 5 vs 21 - “Submit to one another”

Not just for women - it is a biblical principle

Not inferior/superior

“There is no difference, Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female, for you are all one in Christ.” (Gal 3 vs 28)

**A woman's role is
complementary and
supplementary**

Must be:

Voluntary and joyful

Whole-hearted

In God's strength

Unconditional

Active - not a doormat

Right attitude - respect

**It is more important to think
TOGETHER**

**than to think
ALIKE**

TRUST GOD - He is in control
PRAY for our husbands
KNOW OUR VALUE in Christ
DO OUR PART - leave the rest
in God's hands

DO

- please
- show interest
- consult
- listen
- support
- meet needs

DON'T

- nag
- irritate
- criticise

1 Peter 3

Vs 6. Like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Abuse**
- Ongoing unfaithfulness**
- Addictions**
- Mental Illness**

**-LOOK TO OURSELVES - It is
more an attitude than action
- what is in our hearts?**

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Ephesians 5: 25-29

**Jesus' leadership was
characterised by loving
servant leadership**

**How did Christ love the
church?**

Jesus' love was sacrificial
**(He laid down His life for our
good)**

Worldly love:

Feelings + attraction = love

Scripture defines love:

**Decision of the will +
sacrificial/giving = love**

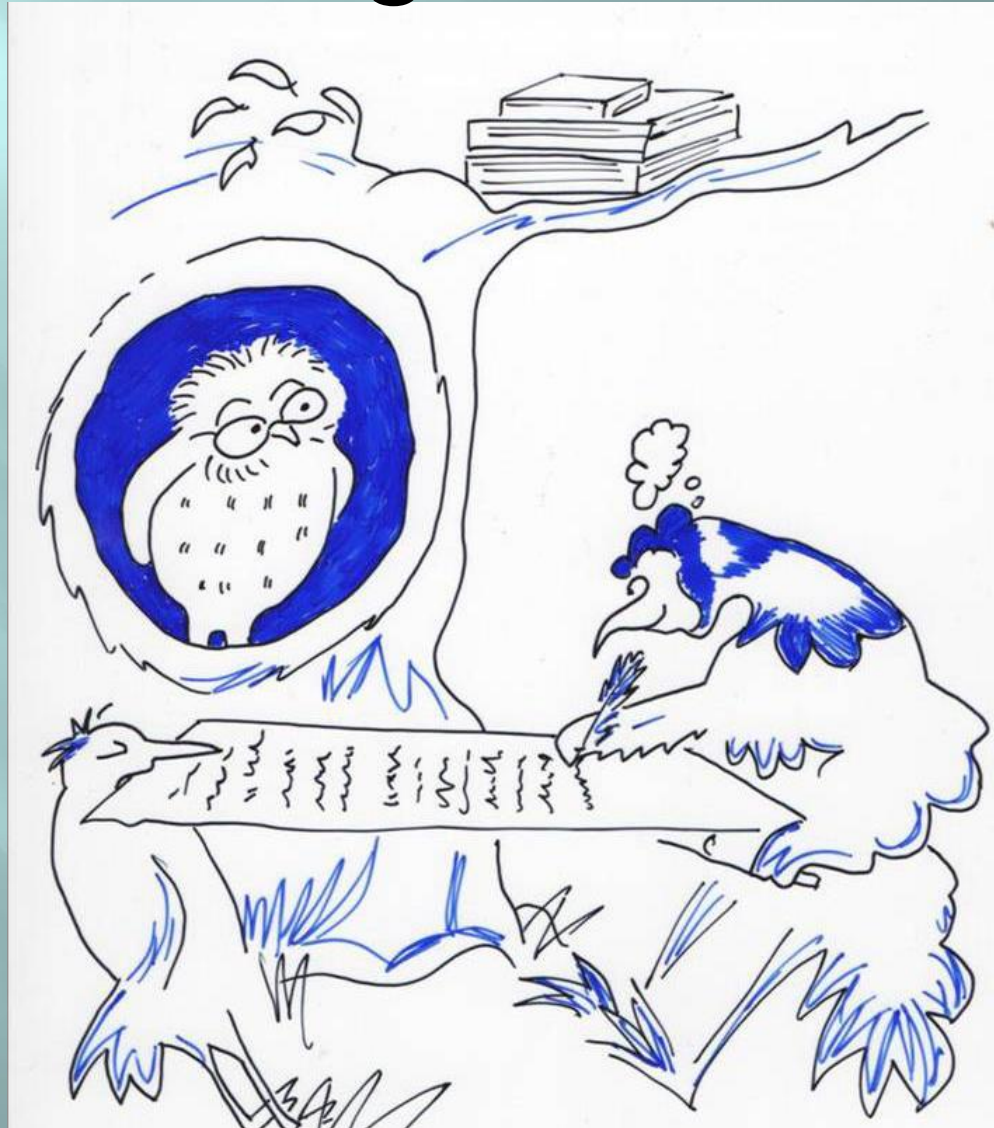
A Giving Love



**Christ loves the
Church with a
Perfecting love**

= enabling

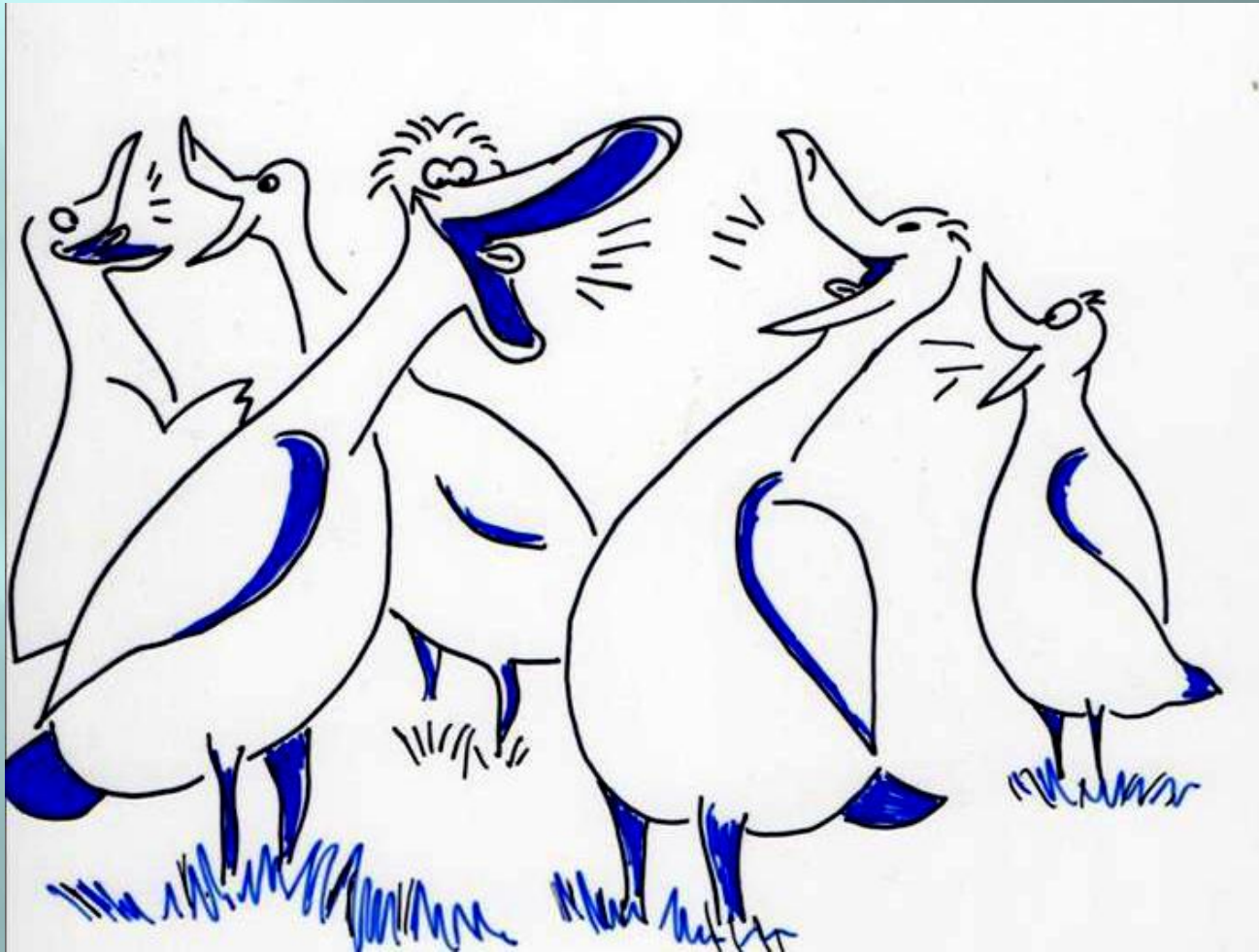
A perfecting love mentally



Physically



Socially



Spiritually





Not drunk on wine



**but filled with the
Spirit**



Love



Music



**Full of
Creativity**

**Christ
and
the
Church**



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