

The Duties of Husbands and Wives

by Ignatius of Antioch

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of marriage, the duties of husbands and wives, and the need for purity in marriage.

Scripture: Proverbs 18:22, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Ephesians 5:25, 1 Timothy 5:14, 1 Peter 3:7

Topics: "Marriage And Family", "Christian Relationships"

Description

Ignatius of Antioch emphasizes the importance of fleeing evil practices while openly discussing them in public. He urges sisters to love the Lord and be content with their husbands both physically and spiritually. Similarly, he exhorts brothers to love their wives as Christ loves the Church. Ignatius stresses the purity and honor in relationships, warning against boasting and seeking undue prominence. He advises that marriages should be approved by the bishop to align with God's will and not personal desires, ultimately emphasizing that all actions should bring glory to God.

Transcript

Flee evil arts; but all the more discourse in public regarding them. Speak to my sisters, that they love the Lord, and be satisfied with their husbands both in the flesh and spirit. In like manner also, exhort my brethren, in the name of Jesus Christ, that they love their wives, even as the Lord the Church.

If any one can continue in a state of purity, to the honour of the flesh of the Lord, let him so remain without boasting. If he shall boast, he is undone; and if he seeks to be more prominent than the bishop, he is ruined. But it becomes both men and women who marry, to form their union with the approval of the bishop, that their marriage may be according to the Lord, and not after their own lust. Let all things be done to the honour of God.

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