



SOME ASSEMBLY REQUIRED

Ephesians 5:25-33
1 Peter 3:7

- We can read this passage and think that Paul is saying, “Husbands, be kind to your wives.” Or “husbands, be nice to your wives.” There is no doubt that for many marriages this would be a huge improvement. But that isn’t what Paul wrote about. What he really meant is, “Husbands, continually decide to practice self-denial for the sake of your wives.” - David Guzik

AGAPE

- Agape is the word used to describe God's love for humanity - you and me and everyone else
- Agape is the kind of love that is not of human origin. This love finds its origin in God. It is unconditional. God sent Jesus to die for humanity while we were still His enemies. He loved us first. He took the initiative.
- Agape love gives and loves because it wants to; it does not demand or expect repayment from the love given. It gives because it loves, it does not love in order to receive.

1 Corinthians 13

- If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.
- Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

- Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears.

When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Love

- Patient
 - Kind
 - Not envious
 - Not boastful
 - Not proud
 - Not selfish
 - Not rude
- No record of wrongs
 - Protects
 - Trusts
 - Hopes
 - Perseveres
 - Rejoices with truth
 - Not easily angered

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- Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

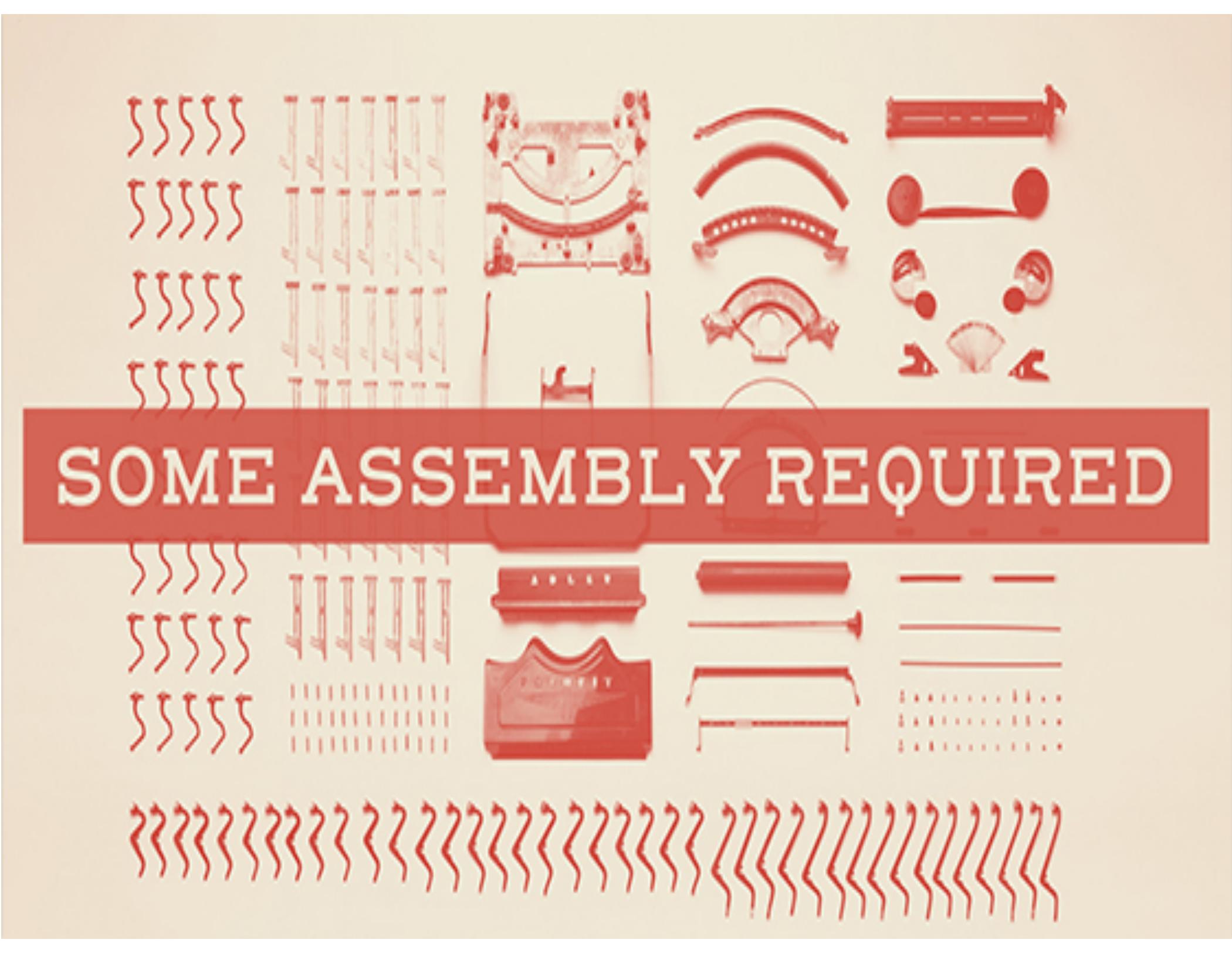
A Godly Husband...

- undertakes the important job of understanding his wife. By knowing her well, he is able to demonstrate his love for her far more effectively.
- knows how to make his wife feel honored. Though she submits to him, he takes care that she does not feel like she is an employee or under a tyrant.
- recognizes whatever limitations his wife has physically and he does not expect more from her than is appropriate and kind.

A Godly Husband...

- knows that even though he has been given great authority within marriage, his wife is still an equal to him in spiritual privilege and eternal importance: they are “joint heirs”
- understands that failure to treat his wife properly will result in problems between himself and God

- Worldly headship says, “I am your head, so you take your orders from me and must do whatever I want.”
- Godly headship says, “I am your head, so I must care for you and serve you.”
- Worldly submission says, “You must submit to me, so here are the things I want you to do for me.”
- Godly submission says, “You must submit to me, so I am accountable before God for you. I must care for you and serve you.”



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