Now when we see that God bears us such inestimable love in our Lord Jesus Christ who has put himself in the person of a husband and vouchsafed that we should be like a wife to him—when we see that, I say, should we who are but worms of the earth and a thing of nothing, refuse to follow the example of the Son of God, who had no regard to his heavenly glory and majesty, in order to abase himself thus for us? So then, it is enough to soften the hearts both of the [husbands and of the wives], if there be not too wicked a brutality, or rather, stark devilishness both in the men and in the wives. For considering that our Lord Jesus Christ so abased himself for the love that he bare us who are but carrion and worth nothing, and considering that he has told us that there is nothing better than for the wives to be subject to their husbands, and for the husbands to bear with their wives—if that does not move them, it is a sign that they have a degree of pride altogether brutish, or rather that there is neither understanding nor reason in them. For were there but one drop, surely the thing which St. Paul tells us ought to make us amend all things that might hinder the doing of our duties, both on the one side and on the other. And if this were to be carefully heeded, it is certain that men would see much more peace in their houses than they do. And husbands and wives would not be like cats and dogs biting at one another. But the evil is that a man can see no fear of God among them. For ought not men to call to mind both evening and morning the grace that is shown us by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ? And when all together have thought well about it and set their minds on it, the married men ought also to think with themselves: why is it that God has shown himself so loving, so kind, and so pitiful towards me? Seeing he has advanced me to such dignity, it is good reason that I should fashion myself like him. And now he will have me to behave myself towards my wife as Jesus Christ has behaved himself towards me. Is not this enough to break hearts that were as hard as stone, yea, as steel? Yes surely!

John Calvin, Sermons on Ephesians

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