

I Am A Church Member

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CHAPTER 5
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Church and Family

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Ephesians 5:22-26

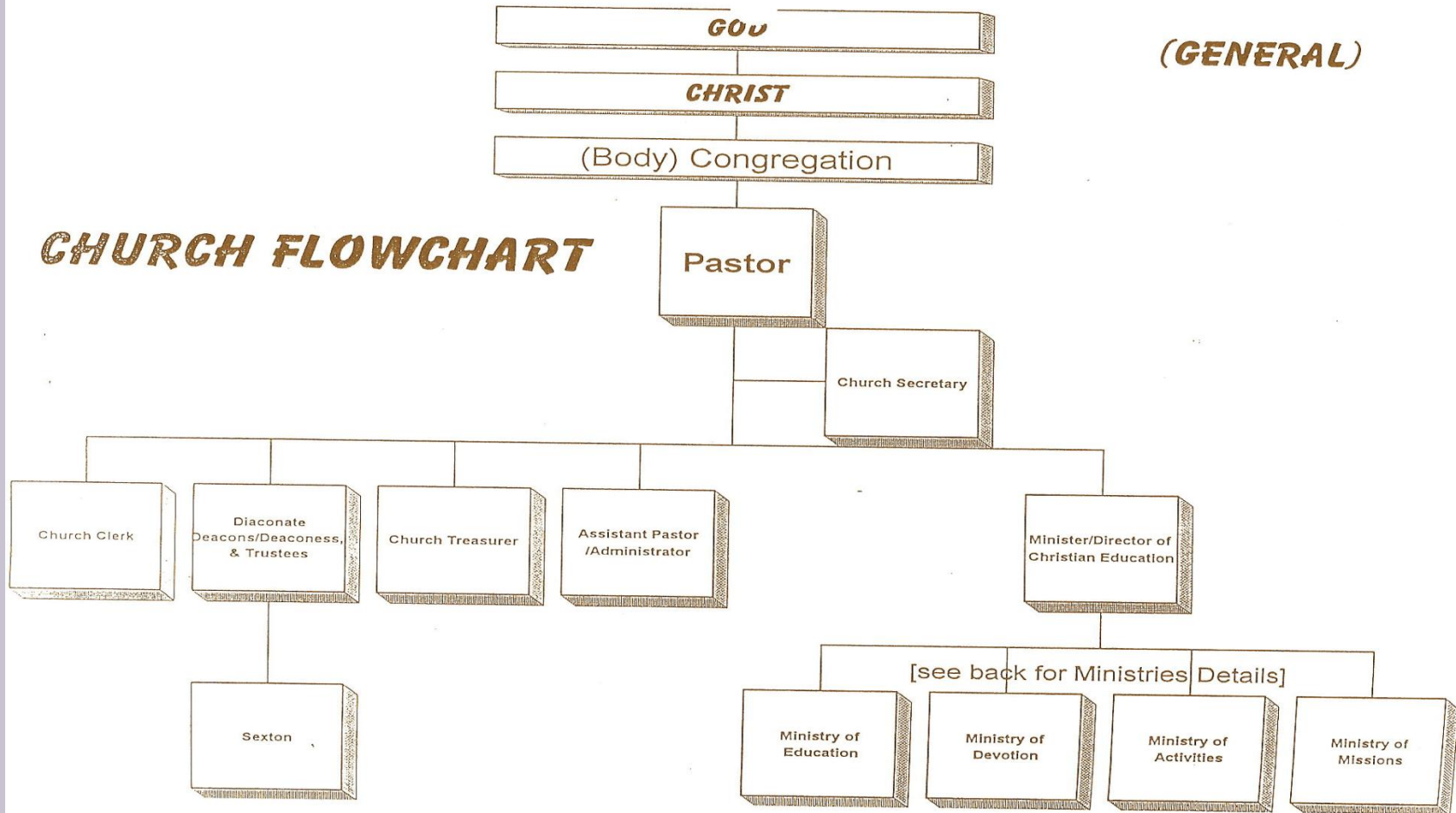
Wives, submit to your own **husbands** as to the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the **church**. He is the Savior of the body. Now as the **church** submits to **Christ**, so wives are to submit to their husbands in *everything*. **Husbands**, love your **wives** just as Christ love the **church** and gave Himself for her to make her holy, cleansing her with the washing of water by the word.

Church

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The Relationship: Husband and Wife

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Ephesians 5:32-33

“This mystery is profound, but I am talking about **Christ** and the **church**. To sum up, each one of you is to love his **wife** as **himself**, and the **wife** is to respect her husband.”

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The Relationship: Children

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Ephesians 6:1-4

“**Children**, obey your **parents** as you would the **Lord**, because this is right. Honor your **father** and **mother**, which is the first commandment with a promise, so that it may go well with you and that you may have a long life in the land. **Fathers**, don't stir up anger in your **children**, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the **Lord**.”

The Local Church

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- These passages remind us that, just as we are supposed to *sacrifice* and *love* our **families** unconditionally, so are we to love those **churches** where God has placed us.

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Praying Together as a Family

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- **We** are to encourage our **family** members to be faithful to the **church**.
- **We** should pray together as family members for our **churches** and its **leadership**. We should pray:
 1. *For spiritual protection.*
 2. *For protection from moral failure.*
 3. *For the preaching of the Word*
 4. *For their families.*
 5. *For encouragement.*
 6. *For physical strength.*
 7. *For courage.*
 8. *For discernment.*
 9. *For wisdom in their leadership*

Falling Deeply In Love With the Church

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As a *church member*, I am not merely to like my church or serve my church well. ***I am to fall deeply in love with my church.***

Christ is the bridegroom, and the **church** is the bride.

I am to love that bride with an unwavering and unconditional love.

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