

**Biblical Metaphors**  
**The Bride of Christ Study Questions**  
**Ephesians 5:25-32**

1. In what three ways are we to emulate a bride?
  
2. What parable in Matthew 5 teaches that we must prepare our hearts for Christ?
  
3. What disease, prevalent in Bible times, portrays the damage of sin in a person's life?
  
4. Which fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23 is exemplified by patience?
  
5. If Christ were to return right now, would you have reason to be ashamed? What can you do this week to prepare for His coming?
  
6. Has the Lord convicted you of an area of inner impurity that you may be masking with outer purity? What steps of action should you take to have both inner and outer purity?
  
7. Describe a difficult situation in your life (possibly occurring currently) in which you need to trust God's timing. What are some practical ways you can remind yourself that His way is best when you are tempted toward impatience?
  
8. Do you give to those around you the same patience you appreciate in others toward you?

**Memory Verse**  
1 John 2:8