

How to Love a Wife

God's Way to Maximize Marriage

The Subject Is Valuable for All

- Unmarried men present can learn to start out right.
- Those late in marriage can still improve as husbands.
- Any widowers present can think of guiding others.
- God cares about our relationships – especially wives.
- Let me remind you of Malachi 2:13 and 1 Peter 3:7.

God Considers Marriage Important

“And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand” (Mal 2:13).

“Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered” (1 Peter 3:7).

You Should Consider It Important

“And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.”

Genesis 2:18

“Let her be as the loving hind and pleasant roe; let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; and be thou ravished always with her love” (Prov 5:19).

“Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest” (Eccl 9:9).

It Is One of our Biggest Testimonies

- Children will not follow those with boring marriages.
- We can adorn the gospel of Christ by our marriages.
- We can shut the mouths of enemies the same way.
- We contend against sodomy and the world by them.
- Others should follow and/or ask about our marriages.

Win Her ... and You Win!

- The reward is worth it, but you may not know it yet.
- Jesus knew this, and He applied it to you (Eph 5:25-27).
- To attract and secure from a wife undying adoration, favor, love, and submission without use of authority or force. Sexual considerations are excluded from this definition. The best sex in the world is reserved for men accomplishing non-sexual seduction first.

#1: Be a Man of God (pg. 1)

- Your independent fear of God will move God and her.
- By moving God, He will move her to love you more.
- By moving her, she will adore the godly man you are.
- Remember the first and only quality to pick a man.
- She will know she is not married to some hypocrite.

#1: Be a Man of God (pg. 2)

- You should provoke her and answer her questions.
- You should be like a patriarch or priest in your home.
- She must know you want to perfect her before Christ.
- The more Spirit-power in you, the more spiritual fruit.
- She will know she can depend on her man from God.

#2: Be a Leader (pg. 1)

- Women follow, love security, and adore strong men.
- Good women resent being forced to make decisions.
- If you will lead her and the family, she will follow you.
- A leader must first have his own life together well.
- You should have clear plans for your family's future.

#2: Be a Leader (pg. 2)

- You should take the lead in training and discipline.
- Be a good household manager by maintaining things.
- Be a good financial manager to avoid financial stress.
- Keep household peace to make her home pleasant.
- She will see your participation to help others or church.

#3: Be a Communicator (pg. 1)

- Wives need verbal intercourse to know your thoughts.
- Learn to listen. Talking is only ½ of it. You will learn.
- Be sensitive and considerate to what she may mean.
- Pursue and probe her; every woman loves pursuit.
- Be a soothing, talking lover rather than a selfish dud.

#3: Be a Communicator (pg. 2)

- Express appreciation, love, and thankfulness often.
- Confront carefully; win and persuade her; forget past.
- Discuss the future. Let her know where she is going.
- Reflect on the past. Sentimentality will not kill you.
- Eliminate criticism or sarcasm. Be constructive.

#4: Cherish Her (pg. 1)

- Treat your wife dearly, with tenderness and affection.
- Give her the attention you would give important persons.
- Be eager to please her. Does she know you want to?
- Do things together. She trumps kids, hobbies, friends.
- Be physically affectionate without direct regard to sex.

#4: Cherish Her (pg. 2)

- Dress her the best you can within your budget.
- Surprise her with little gifts, tokens, notes, help, etc.
- Be kind when she is sick; give her time off anyway.
- Give her money to spend on herself w/o fear (Pr 31:31).
- There is no bitterness in cherish; renew first love.

#5: Nourish Her (pg. 1)

- Help your wife grow and get better as a woman.
- She cannot grow, busy with babies and house all day.
- Promote her friendship with other good women.
- Grant her liberty for outside pursuits that stimulate.
- Have long talks about all aspects of life and godliness.

#5: Nourish Her (pg. 2)

- Provide for her to have some mental diversions.
- Frequently commend her good points to encourage.
- Avoid negative comparisons with other women.
- Challenge and help her get out of her comfort zone.
- Help her what to teach the children and serve others.

#6: Honor Her (pg. 1)

- Respect your wife as a woman and separate person.
- Do not expect too much of her; she is weaker vessel.
- Overlook her small mistakes that are not malicious.
- Praise her in public. Boast to others about her.
- Be your best for her is an easy way to honor her.

#6: Honor Her (pg. 2)

- Share personal/professional experiences with her.
- Win her family's affection by being terrific to them.
- Praise her to your children to honor her at home.
- Avoid criticizing her in front of anyone, even children.
- Make her your equal where you can, but not in roles.

#7: Be Her Protector/Provider (pg. 1)

- Protect her and the family both within and without.
- Do not allow anyone or anything to overwhelm her.
- Work hard to provide all things needed and more.
- A good man leaves an inheritance for 2 generations.
- Know if her batteries are low. Know how to recharge.

Bottom Line – Be a Better Husband

- The real issue at stake is your conviction to do better.
- If on an island, you would know what to do and do it!
- If in an arranged marriage, you would know and do it!
- If your wife died, you would fully know what to do.
- Habits, selfishness, pride, and laziness are destructive.

Seven Areas of Improvement

- Be a man of God
- Be a Leader
- Communication
- Cherish Her
- Nourish Her
- Honor Her
- Protector and Provider

Measure Yourself

- What you think of yourself as husband is worthless.
- What does your wife think, if she could tell the truth.
- Is she a better Christian and woman due to you?
- Is she a better Christian and woman than last year?
- What is her trajectory in grace, joy, and pleasure in life?

What Should You Do?

- Ephesus lost first love and Jesus had the cure (Rev 2:5).
- Marital love is restored by the very same process.
- Remember how good it used to be with your wife.
- Repent to God and to her for allowing things to slip.
- Do the first works by winning her like you did before.

For Further Study

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