

Husband's Role in Marriage

Two reasons why it is important for us to cover this material:

- 1) Many men do not _____ their biblical roles as husbands.
- 2) Being aware of truth does not always translate into _____ truth.

I. You Must Be a _____ (1 Pet. 3:7).

A. A _____.

1. Command contrary to American _____.
2. A command that takes _____.
3. A command that takes _____.

B. A command to be mindful of her _____

1. What this does *not* mean
 - a. Weaker _____
 - b. Weaker _____
 - c. Weaker in _____

2. What this does mean

- a. Weaker _____
- b. Weaker in _____
- c. Weaker _____

C. A command to _____ her

1. This idea is distribute, _____ or dispense honor to her.
2. This is because she shares the same _____ as the husband.

D. A command that affects your _____ life.

cf. Ps. 66:18

1. Minimizing the needs of your wife is _____.
2. If you haven't learned her, don't know how to _____ with her.
3. Her problem is _____ problem.
 - a. Even when you do not think it is important, it is important because of _____.
 - b. Doesn't mean her views are necessarily _____, but are very important.

cf. Phil. 2:3-4

II. You Must Be a _____ (Eph. 5:25).

A. What is love?

1. American _____ and popular views do not help.

2. Biblical view.
 - a. Love is _____ (Jn. 3:16; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:25).
 - b. Thus, love is a _____.
3. Biblical love is a real test of _____.
 - a. This is a command to _____.
 - b. It is _____ to love.
 - c. This command is repeated _____ times in three verses (Eph. 5:25,28,33).
4. Note that this is a _____, not an option.
5. The _____ and action of love is essential to a husband's leadership.

B. What degrees of love are we to show?

1. Christ loved us _____ (1 Jn. 4:19).
 - a. The husband must be the _____ of love.
 - b. The husband is to be a _____ of God's love in the home.
 - c. The wife _____ that love.
2. Christ loved us _____ (Eph. 5:25).
3. Christ loved us _____ (Eph. 5:25).
4. Christ loved us _____ (1 Jn. 3:18).
5. Christ loved us in spite of _____ (Rom. 5:8).

III. You Must Be a _____ (Eph. 5:23-25).

A. What leadership is not.

1. Being a _____ (Matt. 20:25)
2. Being the sole _____.

B. What leadership does mean.

1. Being a _____-leader (Matt. 20:28).
2. Being a good _____ (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 4:9).
3. _____ problems biblically (Eph. 4:25-32).
 - a. Use the Four Rules of Communication.
 - 1) Be _____ (Eph. 4:25).
 - 2) Keep _____ (Eph. 4:26).
 - 3) Attack the _____, not the person (Eph. 4:29).
 - 4) Act, don't _____ (Eph. 4:31-32).
 - b. Be _____-oriented.
4. Being a teacher of spiritual _____ (1 Tim. 2:11,12).
5. Being a spiritual _____.

SCORE CARD FOR HUSBANDS

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If you honestly evaluate yourself by this score card, you will be able to discern where you are failing and need to improve to be the husband God wants you to be. Suggestion: **If you really want to know how you are doing, ask your wife to rate you.**

Rating scale: never = 0; seldom = 1; sometimes = 2; frequently = 3; almost always = 4.

1. Do I love my wife and am I expressing biblical (unselfish) love to her as I should? _____
Is my love an unconditional love? _____
Do I love her even when I don't feel like it? _____
Do I regularly express my love in words? _____
Do I seek to provide for her varying desires (physical, emotional, intellectual, social, recreational, spiritual; for appreciation, security, etc.)? _____
Do I protect her (physically, spiritually, emotionally)? _____
Do I assist her with chores and responsibilities? _____
Do I sacrifice for her? _____
Do I freely share my life, my concerns, etc., with her? _____
Do I regularly show appreciation? _____
Do I put her first in my life after my relationship with God? _____
Do I treat her with tenderness, respect, and courtesy? _____
Do I fulfill her implied or unspoken desires and wishes? _____
Do I frequently talk about her favorably in front of the children and other people? _____
Do I remember birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions? _____
Do I ask her advice frequently? _____
Do I ask her forgiveness for failures quickly? _____
Do I accept her suggestions without becoming upset? _____
Do I change when she makes a suggestion? _____
Do I handle the finances responsibly? _____
Do I give her money to spend as she wishes? _____
Do I run errands gladly? _____
Do I take care of the children and let her do what she wants frequently? _____
Do I give her my undivided attention when she wants to talk? _____
Do I comfort and encourage her when she is hurt, fearful, Anxious, or weary? _____
Do I support her in her concerns and interests? _____
Do I plan to spend some time alone with her every day? _____
Do I change personal habits that annoy her? _____
Do I encourage her initiative and creativity? _____
Do I treat her as a very worthwhile person who is as important or more important than I am? _____
Do I really make my relationship with her a priority matter? _____

2. Take at least 10 of the questions that you answered with a 3 or 4 and give one or two examples of times you manifested love to your wife in these ways.

3. Select at least five ways in which you need to improve your expression of love to your wife. List these ways and plan what you will do to improve.

4. Am I a good manager? (I Tim. 3:4,5; Eph. 5:23). Answer using 0 – 4 scale.

Do I know what is going on in my home from day to day?	_____
Am I leading my family in the direction it is going?	_____
Do I know the skills and abilities, strengths and weaknesses, problems and concerns of family members?	_____
Do I use the skills of family members?	_____
Do I have clearly defined goals for my family?	_____
Do I motivate family members to use their skills and develop their abilities?	_____
Do I lead in family worship regularly?	_____
Do I spontaneously talk about spiritual matters?	_____
Do I delegate responsibilities clearly?	_____
Do I hold family members accountable for their responsibilities?	_____
Do I have clear biblical convictions?	_____
Have I made these convictions known in a specific way?	_____
Do I set an example for my family in these convictions?	_____
Do I have foresight in seeing potential problems and prepare my family for them?	_____
Do I get along well with other family members and help them to get along with each other?	_____
Do I spend time with family members regularly, listening to them, playing with them, encouraging them, communicating goals and directions to them?	_____
Do I provide order and organization that give security?	_____
Do I commend family members regularly?	_____
Am I really in control of what is happening in my family?	_____
Do I lead my family in church attendance and involvement?	_____
Do I plan fun and recreational time for my family regularly?	_____
Do I make decisions in a biblical way?	_____

5. Take several of the questions that you answered with a 3 or 4 and give examples of how you lead your family in these areas.

6. Take several leadership areas where these questions revealed some weaknesses and plan what you will do to improve in these areas.