

## LOVER AND RESPECT

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However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband. **Ephesians 5:33**

**MAIN IDEA:** In general, the *primary emotional need* of wives is love and the husband's is respect. When these two elements are functioning normally a marriage can grow to its full potential.

### 1. Your Wife Needs YOUR LOVE. (25-32)

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her... **Ephesians 5:25**

**Self-giving love...**

Always doing **what's best for the other**

**Using words that build up**

Builds, fortifies, protects **our oneness**

**Builds her spiritually**

Commit to the 10-Minute Plan of reading, talking, listening, & praying together. *Don't give up even it's difficult at 1<sup>st</sup>*

### 2. The Priority of UNITY & ONENESS.

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has **made the two groups one** and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility..."

**Ephesians 2:13-14** (see 11-22)

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace... **Ephesians 4:3-6** (John 17:20-23)

"..so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and *become mature*, attaining to the *whole measure of the fullness of Christ*... <sup>16</sup> From him the whole body... grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." **Eph. 4:12-16**

### 3. Your Husband needs YOUR RESPECT.

To give special/high regard to; esteem; give deference, honor

A wife of noble character, who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value. She brings him good, not harm all the days of her life... **Proverbs 31:10-12**

Abigail: **1 Samuel 25:2-3** "intelligent and beautiful"

"In the morning, when Nabal was sober his wife told him all these things, and his heart failed him, and he became like stone. **1 Samuel 25:37**

#### A. HEADS of Respect

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full grown, brings forth death. **James 1:14-15**

#### B. HEARTS of Respect

Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaks. **Matthew 12:34**

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others (our husbands) up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **Ephesians 4:29**

#### C. HANDS of Respect (see Genesis 2:18)

The Lord is with me, I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The Lord is with me, He is my helper. **Psalms 118:6-7**

A man not ought cover his head, since he is the image and glory of God; but woman is the glory of man. For man did not come from woman, but woman from man. **1 Cor. 11:7-9**

#### D. Hands that OPEN OUR BIBLES (John 8:31-32)