

Becoming A Better Husband

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1 Corinthians 16:13-14 **#1 Be on the alert, #2 stand firm in the faith, #3 ACT LIKE MEN, #4 be strong. #5 All that you do, do it in LOVE.**

Romans 15:4-6 Whatever was written in earlier times was written **FOR OUR INSTRUCTION**, so that through **PERSEVERANCE** and the **ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE SCRIPTURES** we might have hope. 5 Now may the GOD who gives **perseverance** and **encouragement** grant you **to be of the same mind with one another according to CHRIST JESUS.**

- Our Creator, THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, gave us HIS / OUR INSTRUCTION MANUEL to make our life all that HE Created it to be.
- Read through this study slowly for understanding. Then each day in your early morning quiet time with the LORD read a short section, chew on it, swallow each bite and let it become part of you.
- Put it on a 3X5 card, carry it in your shirt pocket to memorize it and say it to yourself throughout the day.
- **ACT LIKE MEN Not like other men!** But like "**THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.**" 1 Timothy 2:5
- **DO IT IN LOVE** Read: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a

Eight Basic Qualities of a "Man of GOD"

1. He is a Spiritual Leader.

A. First and Foremost **for HIS FAMILY.**

1 Timothy 3:4-5 If a man does not know how to **manage** his own **household well**, how will he take care of the church of GOD?

Some translations use the word "**rules**" instead of "**manage**." The **original** word in the Greek means: "**STANDS BEFORE.**"

This gives the meaning of: "**A LEADER**" **Being an example, responsible and protecting.**

A MAN'S **FIRST** GOD GIVEN MINISTRY IS TO HIS **WIFE** / and then to HIS **CHILDREN** . . . and then to his occupation or job.

B. EXAMPLE: NOAH BUILDING AN ARK

Hebrews 11:7 By **FAITH** Noah, being **warned** by GOD about things not yet seen, moved with fear, **prepared an ark** for the **SALVATION OF HIS FAMILY**, by which he condemned the world, and became an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

❖ **By Faith Noah Obeyed**

Genesis 6:9 . . . Noah was a **righteous man, blameless** in his time; Noah **walked with God**. This is **The Goal** men must **continually strive for**. We will continually become better and better as a husband and as a man only as we keep **walking with JESUS every day**.

Matthew 6:33 But **SEEK FIRST** HIS kingdom [His Lordship] and HIS righteousness, and the Promise: all these things will be added to you.

Luke 6:46 Why do you call ME, LORD, LORD, and do not do what I say?

To be a good husband and please the LORD and your wife, begins with **Obeying HIS Word**. The Bible is The **Instruction Manual** our Creator gave us for how to **build an Ark for the salvation of our family and live a blessed and prosperous life**. Romans 15:4-5

❖ **Noah was warned by God. We also have been warned by GOD: For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah.** Matthew 24:37

Genesis 6:11-13 The LORD told Noah exactly **what to do** and **how** to build the ARK for the **salvation of His Family**. If he did not be careful to **obey**, his family could be seriously hurt.

One flood that overtakes, destroys and sinks the boat of many men and their marriage is the **Devastating Destruction of LUST**.

1 Peter 2:11 Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to **ABSTAIN FROM FLESHLY LUSTS** which **WAGE WAR AGAINST THE SOUL**.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 **RUN** from sexual sin! No other sin so **CLEARLY AFFECTS THE BODY** as this one does. For **sexual immorality is a sin** against your own body. Don't you realize that **YOUR BODY IS THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**, who lives in you and was given to you by GOD? **YOU DO NOT BELONG TO YOURSELF**, for GOD **bought you with a high price**. So you must honor **GOD with your body**. NLT

- Joseph RAN: Read Genesis 39:7-12 **It came about that his master's wife looked with desire at Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." But he refused. How then could I do this great evil and sin against God?" And HE RAN.**

2 Timothy 2:22 NLT **RUN** from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace, and a pure Heart.

Acts 21:25 AMP. . . we have sent them a letter that they should **keep themselves FREE** from . . . **all impurity** and **sexual immorality**.

John 8:34-35 Truly, **everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. Lust will wrap you in chains** and make you it's SLAVE.

Acts 15:29 **You must abstain . . . from sexual immorality.**

Hebrews 12:16 **See that no one is sexually immoral**

The Bible is explicit about the DANGERS and DESTRUCTIVE HARM of sexual immorality. It will destroy you, your wife, your children, your marriage.

❖ **Noah Moved with fear** or **Reverential Respect**

Proverb 1:7 The **fear of the LORD** is the beginning of **knowledge**; but **fools** despise wisdom and instruction and sink their boat.

Genesis 22:12 Abraham **obeyed** The LORD even though he did not understand. And the LORD said: **for now I know that you fear GOD.**

It was FEAR, REVERENCE and RESPECT for the LORD that moved Noah and Abraham to do great and mighty things for the **SALVATION OF THEIR FAMILIES.**

Exodus 18:21 Furthermore, you shall select out of all the people able **men who fear GOD**, men of **truth**, those who hate dishonest gain; and you shall place these over them **as LEADERS** of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties and of tens.

A man who Fears The LORD is the man every woman needs as a husband and leader, and The LORD blesses, promotes and gives favor to this man in every area of his life.

- ❖ **NOAH Built an Ark** The word means: a sacred ark; or **TREASURE CHEST.**
- ❖ A **TREASURE CHEST** keeps your **most valuable possessions SAFE.**

Men are builders, and as a husband we **MUST BUILD A STRONG ARK**, a **TREASURE CHEST to keep our Family safe.**

Here are some good instructions for building:

1 Corinthians 3:9-14 For **we** [husbands] **are God's fellow workers . . . The foundation is JESUS CHRIST.** And each one should **be careful how he builds.** If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones [That which is precious and valuable] or wood, hay, straw, [that which is not precious and valuable] **his work will be**

shown for what it is, because the Day will **bring it to light**. It **will be revealed** with fire, and the **fire will test the quality of each man's work**. **If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward.**

- As a Husband, every one of us will face this test.
- To build an Ark, a TREASURE CHEST, **YOU NEED WISDOM**

Proverb 24:3 By **wisdom a house is built**, and through **understanding** it is **established** ⁴through **knowledge** its rooms are **filled** with **rare and beautiful treasures**.

Here is a Word from the LORD to YOU:

Proverb 2:1-8 **My son, if** you will **receive my words** and **treasure** my commandments within you, ²Make your **ear attentive** to **wisdom**, incline your **heart** to **understanding**; ³For if you **cry** for discernment, **lift your voice** for understanding; ⁴**If** you **seek** her as silver and **search** for her as for **hidden treasures**; ⁵**Then** you will discern **the fear of the LORD** And **discover** the **knowledge of God**. ⁶For **THE LORD GIVES wisdom**; from His mouth **knowledge** and **understanding**. ⁷**HE** stores up **sound wisdom** for the **upright**; HE is a **SHIELD** to those who **walk in integrity**, ⁸ **Guarding** the paths of **justice**, and **HE preserves** the way of **His godly ones**.

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Luke 11:21-22 When a **STRONG MAN, FULLY ARMED, guards his own house, his possessions are safe.** ²² But when someone stronger [the evil one] attacks and **overpowers him,** he [the evil one] takes away **the armor** in which the man trusted and **divides up the spoils.** Your family!

❖ **YOU MUST be STRONG** in The LORD, NOT in your own strength: (1John4:4) What is a man's armor? If You DO NOT KNOW, the evil one will easily take it from You. Here it is:

Ephesians 6:10-17 Finally, **be STRONG in the LORD** and in the **strength of HIS might.** ¹¹**PUT ON THE FULL ARMOR OF GOD,** so that you will be able to **stand firm against the schemes of the devil.** ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world **forces of this darkness,** against the **spiritual forces of wickedness** in the heavenly places ¹³**Therefore,** take up the **full armor of GOD,** so that you will be **able to resist** in the evil day, and having done everything to **stand firm.** ¹⁴**Stand firm** therefore, having girded your loins with **TRUTH,** and having put on the breastplate of **RIGHTEOUSNESS,** ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the **GOSPEL** of peace; ¹⁶in addition to all, taking up the **SHIELD OF FAITH** with which **YOU WILL BE**

ABLE TO EXTINGUISH ALL THE FLAMING ARROWS OF THE EVIL ONE. ¹⁷And take **the helmet of SALVATION**, and the **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT**, which is the **WORD of GOD**.

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For the Salvation of YOUR FAMILY

As a LEADER the man is the **HEAD** of the family → A Position given by GOD and therefore held RESPONSIBLE.

1 Corinthians 11:3 **But I want you to understand that CHRIST is the head of every man, and the man is the head of the woman. This is The Divine Order** every since "the fall": Genesis 3:16

❖ **A LEADER is a SERVANT: This is a MUST! This is The Divine Order.**

Mark 10:42-45 **You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great men exercise authority over them. ⁴³ But IT IS NOT THIS WAY AMONG YOU, whoever wishes to become great among you SHALL BE YOUR SERVANT; ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be FIRST among you shall be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the SON of MAN did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give HIS LIFE a ransom for many: HIS BRIDE THE CHURCH. In every conversation, throughout the day keep saying to yourself: "I AM THE SERVANT HERE."**

I GUARANTEE YOU, IT WILL CHANGE YOUR RELATIONSHIP AND BRING MUCH JOY AND PEACE INTO YOUR FAMILY. I FINALLY DISCOVERED THIS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. "Treat her as a Queen and she will treat you as a King." Believe me!

- ❖ **A Leader is a TEACHER** This is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY along with your WIFE. The LORD HOLDS THE MAN RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN. YOU MUST be THE LEADER, INVOLVED in the decision making and teaching when you can.

2 Timothy 2:15-16 **Study to show yourself approved unto GOD, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the WORD of TRUTH.**

The Husband – YOU - are to be the SPIRITUAL LEADER and TEACHER of your family. Find time to read the Bible by turning the TV OFF. Develop an early morning Prayer and Study time. Take you Family to Church regularly. Pray with your wife and children daily. BE AN EXAMPLE in every area of life.

Deuteronomy 6:6-9 **These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. 7 impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. 8 Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind**

them on your foreheads. ⁹ Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.

Ephesians 6:4 **Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the LORD.**

Proverb 13:24 **He . . . who loves his child is careful to discipline him.**

Proverb 22:6 **Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.** If at all possible home school your children.

Proverb 22:15 **Folly is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of discipline will drive it far from him.**

Proverb 23:13 **Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the paddle, he will not die. DO NOT USE YOUR HAND.**

It **MUST** be done **in LOVE** and **NOT IN ANGER**. If you are angry about their behavior, tell your child to go to their room and you will talk to them in a minute. Cool Down. PRAY. Think about the situation and the best way to respond accordingly. After the discipline, take him or her into your arms, hold them and express your great love for them.

Proverb 19:18 Discipline your son, for in that, there is hope; do not be a willing party to his demise.

Proverb 29:15 The paddle of correction imparts wisdom, but a child left to himself disgraces his mother. The inborn sin nature must be slowly resisted and corrected.

Proverb 29:17 Discipline your son, and he will give you peace; he will bring delight to your soul.

❖ A Leader is A MAN OF **VISION**

Proverb 29:18 Where there is no vision, the people are unrestrained. With your wife work on developing a "FAMILY MISSION STATEMENT" The most important goal or goals for your whole family to aim for and accomplish with your lives.

From an early age, help your children **discover their GOD given talents, their personality temperament, and their purpose in life** to accomplish their full potential. Jeremiah 29:11

❖ **A Leader is a MAN She can Respect.** Titus 1:6-10 RESPECT CAN NOT, MUST NOT BE DEMANDED. IT IS EARNED from your wife, children and others as you live and demonstrate Godly leadership.

Titus 1:6-9 A leader is a MAN That is the husband of one wife, having **children who believe**, not accused of

corruption or unruly. 7 For the overseer must be **above reproach** as GOD's **steward**, **not** self-willed, **not** quick-tempered, **not** addicted to wine, **not** argumentative, quarrelsome, confrontational **not** fond of greedy gain, 8 but **hospitable, loving what is good, sensible, just, devout, self-controlled**, 9 **holding fast** the **FAITHFUL WORD** which is in accordance with the teaching, so that **he will be able** both to **exhort** in **sound doctrine** and to **refute** those who contradict.

1. Loves the LORD → A man of Prayer Matthew 6:5-13
2. Loves the Word of GOD → Bible Study Psalm 1
3. Filled with the HOLY SPIRIT Ephesians 5:18
4. Led by the SPIRIT Galatians 5:18
5. Fruit of the SPIRIT in His life Galatians 5:19-25
6. Partaker of the DIVINE NATURE 2 Peter 1:4-11

❖ A MAN who LOVES His Wife.

Ephesians 5:25 Husbands, **LOVE YOUR WIVES**, just as **CHRIST loved the church and GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR HER** and verse 33.

LOVE **GIVES** and **without hesitation** makes **SACRIFICES**

John 3:16 For GOD **so loved the world**, that **He GAVE** His only begotten **Son**, that whoever believes in HIM shall not perish, but have eternal life.

❖ The Example of Jesus: Philippians 2:5-8

HAVE THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES which was also in CHRIST JESUS, ⁶ who, although He existed in the form of GOD, **did not regard equality with GOD a thing to be held on to**, ⁷but **EMPTIED HIMSELF**, taking the form of a **BOND-SERVANT**, and being made in the likeness of men. ⁸ He **HUMBLED HIMSELF** by becoming **obedient** to the point of **DEATH**, even death on a cross.

- **Have this attitude in yourselves** Marriages are destroyed because men DO NOT have this attitude.
- ❖ **Do NOT use your position as “head” over your wife to demand, force or manipulate her. LOVE is the most powerful motivator. whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant** Matthew 20:26
- ❖ **but emptied Himself** As husbands we **MUST empty ourselves of pride and position** in reference to your former manner of life, **PUT OFF the old self**, which is corrupted . . . ² and **PUT ON the new self**, which is **righteousness, holiness and Truth**. Ephesians 4:22
- taking the form of a **bond-servant**
You **MUST** become and be a **Servant to your wife and children**. Marriages and families are destroyed by men “lording over” their wife rather than being an example of love, compassion, serving others as better than themselves.

Matthew 20:27-28 whoever wishes to **be first** among you shall be your **slave**; ²⁸ just **as** the Son of Man **did not come to be served**, but **to serve**, and to **GIVE HIS LIFE** a ransom for many.

As a husband, as a leader, **WE MUST** become a **servant to our Wife** and Family. WE MUST give up, **Sacrifice our life** so that our Wife and Children will be **CHANGED by LOVE** seen and demonstrated by a Christ-like servant-leader. THIS IS THE ANSWER !

- **HE humbled Himself** Take a lower position. How? by becoming **obedient (to the LORD) to the point of death**, even death on a cross.

There is no resurrection life unless there is FIRST a DEATH. THEN NEW LIFE RISES UP.

John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat **falls** to the earth and **dies**, it remains **alone**; but **if it dies, IT BEARS MUCH FRUIT**.

- **falls** -> Humble ourselves **dies** -> death to self / sacrifice **bears much fruit** – The fruit of the Spirit: love – joy – peace – patience – kindness – goodness – faithfulness – gentleness – self-control.

The Result:

A Transformed Marriage and Family.

The LORD GOD is a COVENANT MAKING & KEEPING GOD.

Isaiah 54:10

A Covenant that includes The LORD is Entered into by:

- a) Agreement and Commitment to the Vows:
Genesis 12:2-3 & 7 "I Will . . ."
- b) Shedding of blood. Genesis 15:8 +
- c) Sign of the Covenant Genesis 9:12 rainbow; 15:7 the land / Our culture is giving a wedding ring.
- d) Name change Genesis 17:5 (wife takes husband's name)
- e) **Two become One**: in spirit / soul / and body.

MARRIAGE IS A COVENANT and Entered into in the same manner AND ORDER, as the LORD GOD set forth in HIS Word.

Malachi 2:14 Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your **companion** and **your wife by COVENANT**.

The word "covenant" in Hebrew means: "cutting" and therefore blood. Our marriage covenant is Patterned after the "Covenant" JESUS CHRIST made with HIS BRIDE the Church.

- ❖ The Sexual Act is a Blood Covenant-Making Act. The LORD designed the female body in such a way that the first sexual act is a blood covenant act, a small amount of blood is shed when the hymen membrane is broken.

- The **MOTIVATION** Is **LOVE** not lust.
- Pre-marital sex & Adultery defiles the covenant. Exodus 20:14-17
- The **PROVISIONS** of Covenant:
 - a) SACRIFICE - **gave Himself up for her** Ephesians 5:25
 - b) LOYALTY - **I will never leave you** Hebrews 13:4
 - c) PROVISION - **All these things will be added unto you**
Mt.6:33
 - d) PROTECTION **Nothing shall by any means hurt you** Luke
10:19
 - e) PROPERTY: **joint heirs** Romans 8:17

The Result of the Covenant:

Genesis 2:24 **For this reason a man shall (1) leave his father and his mother, and (2) be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.**

❖ Joined (Hebrew – dabaq) meaning: to cling or adhere, **bonded**

Matthew 19:5 **For this reason a man shall (1) leave his father and mother and (2) be joined to his wife, and the two shall become (3) one flesh.**

❖ Joined (Greek – kollao): to glue or stick together; **bond together**
Matthew 19:6 **So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together (bonded together) LET NO MAN SEPARATE.**

THE STEPS:

1. LEAVE → Depart From / Separate. The man should be mature enough and able to support and provide for his wife. And only then enter the covenant of marriage by exchange of vows - name change - and the covenant act.
2. CLEAVE or JOINED → Permanence / joined like skin to bones / **Bonded** Together / glued together

Science has shown that powerful hormones are released in the brain during the sexual act that in fact create a '**bonding experience**' between the two individuals.

- ❖ **Bonding** between a couple is defiled, diluted, and weakened if committed with another person or persons (adultery). Instead of one mental / emotional / physical bond, there are two or more, adding to the dilution of the bond or bonds mentally & emotionally.
- ❖ Pre-marital sex establishes the same mental / emotional / physical bonds that weaken and dilute the future marital bond.
 - a) Meaning of One Flesh:
 - Man is a THREE PART being: 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - Adam & Eve had TOTAL UNITY: SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY
They were ONE Ephesians 5:28
 - OPEN / TRANSPARENT / NO SHAME / HONEST / IN AGREEMENT Matthew 18:19

b) Satan recognized the power of this relationship.

- He set out to destroy it. He wanted their authority.
- Still today through every means possible like pornography, satan destroys the SANCTITY of the MARRIAGE COVENANT.
- What the Lord loves most, satan attacks to destroy.
- Genesis 3:7 Became Self-Centered. "Covered Up" from each other – Separating themselves from one another.

Same Today!

- Genesis 3:8 Hid From GOD who MUST BE IN THE MARRIAGE
- Same Today!**
- Genesis 3:12 Failed to recognize who the enemy was and
Justified their sin. **Same Today!**
 - Genesis 4:1 Only the physical union was left.

c) JESUS CHRIST Came to REDEEM & RENEW the ORIGINAL STANDARDS.

- Before Redemption:
Divorce permitted when hearts were hard.
JESUS came to change our Hard hearts. Jeremiah 32:39
- Original Plan did not include SEPARATION or DIVORCE.

JESUS gave NO EXCUSE for divorce when talking to HIS disciples.
"except for immorality" Which breaks the covenant.

Matthew 19:3-9 Some Pharisees came to JESUS, testing HIM and asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all?"
(4) And HE answered and said, Have you not read that HE who created

them from the beginning made them male and female, (5) and said, for this reason a man shall **leave** his father and mother and be **joined** to his wife, and the two shall become **one** flesh? (6) So, they are **no longer two, but one** flesh. What therefore **God has joined together, let no man separate.** (7) They said to HIM, Why then did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away? (8) HE said to them, Because of your **hardness of heart** Moses permitted you to divorce your wives; **but from the beginning it has not been this way.** (9) And **I say** to you, whoever divorces his wife, **except for immorality**, and marries another woman commits adultery.

- The LORD's position is: **What therefore GOD has joined together, let no man separate.**
- It is in response to their question, [vs.7 Why did Moses command to give her a certificate of divorce and send her away] The LORD explains that it was because of the "hardness of heart." And, goes on to explain that there is **no reason for divorce today "except for immorality"** which defiles the marriage covenant.
- Before the "hardness of heart" came up, that "Moses permitted," there is no mention from the LORD of any exceptions, as seen in the following verses. They all refer to the original design. The Matthew passage alone has the "exception clause." Mark records this same passage and does not include the "exception clause."

Mark 10:11-12 And HE said to them, Whoever divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her; (12) and if she

herself divorces her husband and marries another man, she is committing adultery.

Luke 16:18 Everyone who divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery, and he who marries one who is divorced from a husband commits adultery.

Romans 7:1-4 Or do you not know, brethren (for I am speaking to those who know the law), that the law has jurisdiction over a person as long as he lives? (2) For the married woman **is bound** by law to her husband while he is **living**; but if her husband **dies**, she is **released** from the law concerning the husband. (3) So then, if **while her husband is living** she is joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress; but **if her husband dies, she is free** from the law, so that she is not an adulteress though she is joined to another man. (4) Therefore, my brethren, you also were made **to die to the Law through the body of CHRIST**, so that you might be joined to another, to **HIM** who was raised from the dead, in order that we might bear fruit for GOD.

These three passages all refer to the “Original Design” and intent of the LORD which is the high standard we all should reach for.

HOWEVER – due to the condition of our hearts, **Paul** gives **his opinion** (like what Moses allowed) that if your partner obtains a divorce, then you are free to marry.

1 Corinthians 7:25-29 Now concerning virgins I have no command of the LORD, but **I give an opinion** as one who by the mercy of the LORD is trustworthy. (26) I think then that this is good in view of the present distress, that it is good for a man to remain as he is. (27) Are you bound to a wife? Do not seek to be released. Are **you released**

from a wife? Do not seek a wife. (28) **But if you marry, you have not sinned**; and if a virgin marries, she has not sinned. Yet such will have trouble in this life, and I am trying to spare you.

The above NASU translation is closer to the original Greek language than the NIV, as the Greek word "*released*" specifically refers to divorce (Strong's Concordance #3080).

D. A Husband that "LIVES" with His Wife 1 Peter 3:7

You husbands in the same way, **LIVE WITH YOUR WIVES** in an **understanding** way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and **SHOW HER HONOR** as a fellow heir of the Grace of life, **so that your prayers will not be hindered.**

- "**live with**" - Life Together, enjoying, sharing everything TOGETHER. She is not a maid for laundry, meals, etc. only.

❖ SHARING LIFE TOGETHER INCLUDES:

1. **ACCEPT her** just as she is. **Do NOT try to change her.**

Her God-given personality is different from yours. She learned at home how to do things different than you did. To try to change her shows Rejection of who she is.

2. **APPROVAL vs. Disapproval:** Your Words, your tone of voice. Use **EXTREME PATIENCE**. LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS.

1 Cor 13:4-8 **Love is PATIENT, love is KIND . . . is not arrogant, does not act UNBECOMINGLY; does not SEEK ITS OWN (Way) IS NOT PROVOKED, does not take into account a wrong suffered (in an argument) BEARS all things, ENDURES all things. LOVE NEVER FAILS.** 1 Cor.16:14 Let all that you do be done in LOVE

3. **AFFECTION** vs. **Withdrawal** Song of Solomon

Your wife, being female NEEDS TENDER LOVING CARE, HUGS, HOLDING HANDS, and as the song says "touch my hair when you pass my chair, **LITTLE THINGS MEAN A LOT.**"

It is fact, that **TOUCH**, personal contact, conveys acceptance which is DESPERATELY NEEDED by everyone to fill the **void** in every heart. This void, in our WIVES and CHILDREN, **MUST FIRST** be filled **by the husband or father** and **NOT BY ANOTHER**, For instance: by a young man with your daughter on a date. YOU FILL THIS CUP OF HER NEED AND KEEP IT FULL EVERY DAY WITH HUGS AND KISSES.

4. **RECONCILE** → Restore to a Right Relationship Matt. 5:23-24
The HUSBAND / LEADER is RESPONSIBLE to do all that is necessary to RESTORE and MAINTAIN a RIGHT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS WIFE.

5. **FORGIVENESS**

1 Cor.13:5 **Love does not** take into account a wrong suffered.

1 Peter 4:8 **Above all keep fervent** in your **love for one another**, because **LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS.**

Definition: To give free pardon and forget any offense or debt.

Do Not Speak to Others About the Offense: Proverb 17:9

❖ Forgiveness is a Command of GOD.

a) IF WE FORGIVE - WE ARE FORGIVEN

Matthew 6:14-15 **For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly FATHER will also forgive you. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive others, then your FATHER will not forgive your transgressions.**

b) Unforgiveness holds us in BONDAGE Hebrews 12:15

See to it that **no one** comes short of the GRACE of GOD; that **no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.**

Matthew 18:34-35 . . . **delivered him** to the **tormentors**, till he should pay all that was due. ³⁵So likewise shall my HEAVENLY FATHER do also to you, **if you from your hearts do not forgive everyone their trespasses.** This is VERY SERIOUS.

c) Blocks the Promises of GOD

Matthew 5:23-24 Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that **your brother has something against you,** ²⁴ leave your offering there before the altar and go; **FIRST BE RECONCILED** to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

Mark 11:25 Whenever you stand praying, **forgive**, if you have **anything** against **anyone**, so that your FATHER who is in heaven will also FORGIVE YOU your transgressions.

d) Repentance of our spouse is not necessary before we forgive them. Luke 23:34 JESUS was saying, FATHER, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing. And they cast lots, dividing up HIS garments among themselves.

Stephen: Acts 7:60 Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "LORD, do not hold this sin against them!"

e) No Limit to the number of times we are to Forgive

Matthew 18:22 JESUS said to him, I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

f) Love Keeps No Record of Wrongs

1 Corinthians 13:5 **LOVE** is not provoked, **does not take into account a wrong suffered**

g) LOVE covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

h) If Spouse is Committing Repetitive Sin: Forgive AS GOD does

Isaiah 43:25 I will not remember your sins.

Psalms 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.

i) Forgiveness Is An ACT OF THE WILL, Feelings will follow

j) Need To Examine Ourselves, Not Our Spouse

Matthew 7:1-5 **Do not judge,** or you too will be judged. ² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. ³ **Why** do you look at the speck of in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴ How can you say to your brother, Let me take the speck out of your eye, when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, **first** take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

k) Companionship and Intimacy with GOD is hindered:

Isaiah 59:2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your GOD, and your sins have hidden HIS face from you so that HE does not hear.

I) We Will Not Prosper

Proverb 28:13 He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.

M) BITTERNESS

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no **root of bitterness** springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled.

Bitterness Destroy Us - Affects Other People - Gives Birth to Other Sin - Hardens Our Heart - Crush and Kills Love

E. A MAN that UNDERSTANDS and KNOWS HIS WIFE.

1 Peter 3:7 live with your wives in an **understanding** way

1. **Work** to Understand Her. **Show Her by:**

a) **LISTEN TO HER CAREFULLY.** What she is really saying. She speaks from her heart, her emotions. Man listens with his rational mind.

Find time every day to LISTEN to your wife. Ask her "how was your day" then **LISTEN** giving **Eye Contact** and **doing NOTHING ELSE. DO NOT INTERRUPT her.** It is BEST to show UNDERSTANDING and COMPASSION and **NOT GIVING HER UNWANTED ADVISE.**

b) **BE SENSITIVE** to her attitude, is she angry, frustrated, happy because this will determine her need and how you respond.

c) **LEARN** her **strengths** and **weaknesses** and **protect her** by helping her not to overwork and to get enough rest.

d) Know her **gifts** and **abilities**. Your Wife has a God-given personality type that determines how she approaches everything in life. And it is probably opposite your personality type. **THIS PERSONALITY CAN NOT BE CHANGED, SO DO NOT TRY!**

She also will do everything around the house as her mother did. **Be patient with her**, let her do it her way. If there is a better way occasionally suggest she try it. But be **PATIENT**.

e) **Give her your ear and arms and NOT YOUR MOUTH.**

2. **UNDERSTANDING** REQUIRES: **AGREEMENT**

Can two walk together except they be agreed? Amos 3:3
WITHOUT AGREEMENT AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, THERE IS LACK OF PEACE.

James 3:16 For where you have **envy** and **selfish** ambition, there you find **disorder** and every **evil practice**.

a) Disagreement Opens a window allowing the "evil one" in.

b) Disagreement Leads to blaming each other for failures

- "I told you so." "You always think you are right."

AGREEMENT GOD'S WAY. AGREEMENT means HARMONY

Matthew 18:19 Again, I tell you that if **two** of you **agree** about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven.

WE MUST AGREE, not on our own will, but GOD'S WILL. If YOU BOTH seek The LORD'S WILL it will be easy to agree.

THE LORD'S WILL CAN BE FOUND THROUGH:

- **HIS WORD**
- **PRAYER** **Whatever they shall ask...** Matthew 18:19
- BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE NEED TO HEAR HIM
 Luke 11:10 **For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds**

PRINCIPLES:

- The time it takes to come into agreement is far less than the time it takes to unravel a wrong decision.
- The HUSBAND is the LEADER in reaching agreement.
- DETERMINE TO NOT MAKE ANY MAJOR DECISIONS WITHOUT AGREEMENT.

WRONG WAYS TO REACH AGREEMENT:

- Expert Opinion
- Compromise
- Survival of the strongest between husband and wife
- Manipulation
- Logic (husband) vs. Emotion (wife)
- Open Doors and/or Closed Doors

Bringing GOD's Will on Earth: **it will come to pass and be done for them by my FATHER in Heaven** Matthew 18:19

- Waiting to make sure you have GOD's will, allows you to proceed in confidence

- It enables HIS will to come to pass.
- A Couple consistently seeking agreement in this manner will begin to focus on the will of GOD as a way of life.

F. A MAN that "HONORS" His Wife. 1 Peter 3:7 "**Giving Honor**"

1. Place her on a Pedestal as your Queen. Always use good manners at the table: pull her chair out, open doors for her
2. Be Sure She feels that she is "NUMBER ONE" in your life.
3. If you treat Her as a Queen She will treat you as a King.

G. A MAN that "Nourishes and Cherishes" His Wife.

Ephesians 5:28-20 Husbands, **love your wives, just as CHRIST loved the church** and **gave Himself for her,** ²⁶ that He might **sanctify** and **cleanse** her with the washing of water **by the word,** ²⁷ that **He might present her to Himself** a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish. ²⁸ **So husbands ought to love their own wives** as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹ For no one ever hated his own flesh, but **NOURISHES** and **CHERISHES** it, just as the LORD does the church. ³⁰ For we are members of HIS body,* of HIS flesh and of HIS bones. ³¹ **For this reason** a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.

NOURISHES: That which STRENGTHENS and PROMOTES HEALTH & HAPPINESS

CHERISHES: To HOLD DEAR / FEEL OR SHOW AFFECTION FOR

- Think of some Examples to share and discuss.

H. A MAN that **Communicates Intimately** with His Wife

Ephesians 5:26 **SANCTIFY** - to set apart to ones self. As a Privileged position.

- **WORDS ARE POWERFUL!** Proverb 18:21 (death & life)
- Our Words are like seed sown in her heart. Mt. 13:3, 19

If we **SOW** Right words, we **REAP** INTIMACY.

If we **SOW** Wrong words, we **REAP** SEPARATION.

- Sowing and Reaping Galatians 6:7-9

Galatians 6:7-9 Do not be deceived, GOD is not mocked; **for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.** ⁸ For he who **sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption**, but he who **sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.** ⁹ And let us not grow weary doing good, for in due season **we shall reap** if we do not lose heart.

1. **The Above is a Spiritual Law**

- a) Like a Natural law -> will be fulfilled.
- b) Ignorance does not stop it from producing fruit
- c) We are guaranteed a harvest.
- d) We will reap exactly what we sow

2. **Seed Sowing**

James 3:8-11 But no **man** can tame **the tongue**. It **is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison.** ⁹ With it we bless our GOD and FATHER,

and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of GOD. ¹⁰ **Out of the same mouth** proceed **blessing** and **cursing**. **My BRETHREN, THESE THINGS OUGHT NOT TO BE SO.**

- Seed selection: either from GOD, the world, or the “evil one.”

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that **I have set before you life and death, blessings** and **curses**. Now **CHOOSE LIFE, SO THAT YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN MAY LIVE.**

❖ JESUS ALWAYS SOWS LIFE. HE IS LIFE.

John 14:6 **I am the way, the truth, and THE LIFE.**

❖ satan ALWAYS sows DEATH.

John 10:10 **The thief comes only to steal, kill and destroy**

- No seed is Neutral.
- We are ALWAYS SOWING; therefore we are ALWAYS REAPING.
- When we are Born Again, we are directed to choose only **Life-Giving Seed.**

Romans 8:5 For those who are according to the flesh **set their minds on the things of the flesh**, but those who are **according to the SPIRIT**, the things of the **SPIRIT**. ⁶ For **the mind set on the flesh is death**, but **the mind set on the SPIRIT is life and peace**, ⁷ because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward GOD; for it does not subject itself to the law of GOD, for it is not even able to do so, ⁸ and **those who are in the flesh cannot please GOD.**

❖ Old HABITS cause us to choose seed from the wrong bag.

3. Types of Seed We Sow

a) **WORDS** "Our children are so rebellious." OR "Our children desire to obey the LORD"

"I can't" OR "**I can** do all things through Christ ..."

What you continually tell your children they are – they become.

b) **ATTITUDES** Humility vs. Pride / Gratitude vs. Bitterness

c) **ACTIONS** Accepting or Rejecting / Freely Giving or selfishness

4. How We Sow

a) WE are ALWAYS Sowing Into: our life, our wife, our children.

b) Our HEART Is the SOIL

As Jeremiah said: 4:3 The LORD says to . . . Break up, Plow up the **hard ground of your hearts!** (The washing of the WATER of the WORD (Eph.5:26) and PRAYER HELPS SOFTEN THE SOIL.)

Do not plant good seed among the thorns in your hearts.

Identify them and **REMOVE THEM.** The best way to find them is to ask The LORD, and also your wife, to help you.

Psalms 51:10 **Create in me a CLEAN HEART, O GOD,** and RENEW a **RIGHT SPIRIT WITHIN ME.**

Matthew 13:3-9 A Sower went out to sow; 4 some seeds fell **beside the road**, and the birds came and ate them up. 5 Others fell on the **rocky places** without much soil. They had no root and were scorched

by the sun and withered away. 7 Others fell among the **thorns**, and the thorns choked them out. 8 And others fell on the **good soil** and yielded a crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty. 9 He who has ears, let him hear.

5. Factors of the Harvest

- **TIME:** Water & Wait. Fertilize with LOVE - Do Not Dig Up.
- **MULTIPLICATION** "whatever a man sows that shall he reap."
- WE WILL REAP MORE THAN WE SOWED
- EACH CROP PROVIDES SEED FOR FUTURE SOWING
- Should satan gives us a Single Seed and WE PLANT IT, we WILL REAP EVEN MORE. We MUST BE CAREFUL as to the seed we are planting.

6. Recognizing Crops

- **Good Crops:** Discover from The WORD What Seeds to Sow.
- **Bad Crops: Repentance** is a good WEED KILLER. Some weeds are extremely tenacious. You pull them up and they come back. It may take time. 1 John 1:9

7. Sowing Good Crops

- CHOOSE SEED From GOD's Seed Bag -> The WORD of GOD
2 Corinthians 9:10 Now may HE who supplies **seed to the Sower**, and bread for food, **supply** and **multiply** the **seed you have sown** and **increase the fruits of your righteousness**

- PREPARE THE SOIL: Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
- SPEAK FORTH THE WORD TO SOW IT

Proverb 18:21 DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE, AND THOSE WHO LOVE IT WILL EAT ITS FRUIT.

Job 22:28 You will also declare a thing, and it will be Established for you

- FERTILIZE (LOVE) with Appropriate Actions
James 2:26 **faith without works is dead**
- REALIZE THE ENEMY SEEKS TO PLANT HIS SEEDS IN YOUR THOUGHTS 2 Corinthians 10:5 Philippians 4:8

2 Cor.10:5 **casting down** arguments and **every high thing** that **exalts itself against the knowledge of GOD**, bringing **every thought into captivity to the obedience of CHRIST**

Phil 4:8-9 whatever things are **TRUE**, whatever things are NOBLE, whatever things are **JUST**, whatever things are **PURE**, whatever things are **LOVELY**, whatever things are of **GOOD REPORT**, if there is any **VIRTUE** and if there is anything **PRAISEWORTHY** — **MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS.**

8. Avoiding Strife

James 3:16 For where **ENVY** and **SELF-SEEKING** exist, confusion and **every evil thing** are there.

Proverb 20:3 It is **honorable for a man to STOP STRIVING**, since any fool can start a quarrel.

- It Takes two to have strife. **Just Refuse.**

Proverb 15:1-2 A **soft answer turns away wrath**, but a **harsh word stirs up anger**. ²The tongue of the wise use's knowledge rightly, but the mouth of fools pours forth foolishness.

- SOW LOVE when the other Sows Strife

Romans 12:21 **Do not** be overcome by evil but **overcome evil with good**.

Philippians 2:3 Let **nothing** be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind **let each esteem others better than himself**.

Galatians 5:14-15 You shall **LOVE** your neighbor as yourself but if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another! And severely damage your marriage

- Your Spouse IS NOT THE ENEMY

Ephesians 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual wickedness in the heavenlies.

- AVOID BY: TAKING UP YOUR CROSS -> YOU ARE DEAD!! A dead man NEVER defends himself.

Galatians 2:20 **I have been crucified** with CHRIST; **it is no longer I who live, but CHRIST LIVES IN ME**. **How would he respond???**

Whenever you feel **anger** rising up inside of you to “fight back” and defend yourself and your position . . . **STOP** RIGHT THERE.

FIRST: **Quote Galatians 2:20** to yourself and ALLOW The HOLY SPIRIT to **RESPOND IN LOVE**.

This is what JESUS meant when He said:

Matthew 16:24 *If anyone wishes to come after Me, **HE MUST DENY HIMSELF, and TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.***

1 Peter 2:21-24 *For **to this you were called**, because CHRIST also suffered for us, **leaving us an example**, that **you should follow in HIS steps**: **22**Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth; **23** and **when HE was reviled, HE DID NOT REVILE IN RETURN; when He suffered, HE DID NOT THREATEN**, but **COMMITTED HIMSELF TO HIM WHO JUDGES RIGHTEOUSLY***

This WILL TOTALLY **TRANSFORM YOU**, YOUR **WIFE**, YOUR **MARRIAGE**, YOUR **CHILDREN**, and YOUR **FAMILY**.

YOU MUST BE THE LEADER IN THIS AND SET THE EXAMPLE.

- If you FAIL to allow The HOLY SPIRIT to RESPOND IN LOVE, Call A STRIFE BREAK.
- PRAY SILENTLY FOR A MINUTE OR TWO.
- **NEVER SAY: “You Always..”** TAME and TAKE CONTROL YOUR TONGUE James 3:6 & 8 *The **tongue** is a **fire**, a world of **iniquity**. The tongue **defiles** the whole body, and sets on fire the*

course of nature; and **it is set on fire by hell**. . . It is an unruly evil, **full of deadly poison**.

❖ CONFESS AND ASK FORGIVENESS.

1 John 1:6-10 If we say that we have fellowship with HIM, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we **walk in the light as HE is in the light, we have fellowship with one another**, and the BLOOD of JESUS CHRIST HIS SON cleanses us from all sin. ⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ **If we confess our sins**, HE is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE RESULT

Matthew 18:19 If **two of you agree** on earth about anything that they may ask, **it shall be done for them** by My Father who is in heaven.

1 Peter 3:7-12 **YOU HUSBANDS** in the same way, **live with your wives in an understanding way**, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and **show her honor** as a fellow heir of the grace of life, **so that your prayers will not be hindered**. ⁸ **To sum up**, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹ **not returning evil for evil** or **insult for insult** but **giving a blessing instead**; for **you were called for the very purpose** that you might **inherit a blessing**. ¹⁰ For the one who desires life, to love and see good days, must **keep his tongue** from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹ He **MUST** turn away from evil and do good; he **MUST** seek peace and pursue it. ¹² for the eyes of the LORD are

toward the righteous, and his ears **attend to their prayer**, but the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.

And they lived happily ever after.