

Role and Responsibility of the Husband

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: 1 Peter 3:7.
- B. A husband should be one who cares for his family with great care.
- C. Husbands should try to understand their wives and develop a spirit of reasonableness.
- D. Women are to be honored as the emotionally weaker vessel. (Genesis 2:24; Proverbs 6:32; 2 Peter 2:10)

II. There are three parts of marriage.

- A. Emotional. (1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25-29; 4:31-32)
- B. Spiritual. (Genesis 18:19)
- C. Physical. (1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5)

III. A woman has certain emotional needs.

- A. Women need leadership.
- B. Women need security. (1 Corinthians 14:8)
- C. Women need affection.
 - 1. They need to know that you love them.
 - 2. Never miss an important day.
 - 3. Show appreciation.

IV. Sex.

- A. God created sexuality. (Genesis 1:27)
- B. Sex was God's idea. (Genesis 1:28)
- C. Both men and women have sexual needs.
- D. Sex cannot be separated from spiritual or emotional realities.
- E. Sex is intended for pleasure for husband and wife. (Proverbs 5:15, 18-19)

F. The nature of sex demands modesty and privacy.

G. Men and women look at sex differently.

H. God has several reasons for sexual contact in marriage. (Hebrews 13:4)

I. Basic truths about sex.

1. Women are aroused more slowly than men.

2. Women require foreplay and after-play.

3. Women do have sexual needs.

4. Men should not be rude, crude, dirty, impatient, selfish or hurried.

J. Problems.

1. Most are emotional. (1 John 1:9; James 4:8)

2. 1 Corinthians 7 teaches that neither a husband or wife should defraud one another of sex.

3. Neurotic husbands, which include domineering, non-communicative and child husbands.

V. Ways to help your relationship with your wife.

A. Develop spiritual attractiveness. (Romans 5:5)

B. Stay physically fit.

C. Verbalize your love daily.

D. Physically express your love.

E. Be kind.

F. Be forgiving.

G. Avoid comparison.

H. Be willing to adjust.

I. Find out what her needs are and meet them.

J. Be patient.

K. Trust each other.

- L. Become friends.
- M. Do things together.
- N. Do things apart.
- O. Take vacations together.
- P. Enjoy your children together.
- Q. Avoid financial instability.
- R. Complement and praise each other every day.
- S. Give praise every day.

VI. Questions.

Application questions:

1. Why is marriage difficult?

2. What are some of the differences between men and women that might help us to understand each other better for a successful marriage?

3. What are some ways you would like to grow as a husband? Explain.
