

# **Responsibility of the Husband**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. When a woman and man marry they gain a one-flesh relationship.
- B. When the separate, they become less than they were. (Romans 1)
- C. When two people come together there is going to be conflicts based on personality. One of the solutions is to have Jesus Christ as the center. Spouses are to love each other. (1 Peter 4:8)
- D. Another reason for problems in marriage is selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10)
- E. The world we live in is cause for marital problems.
- G. The greatest reason for problems in marriage is a misunderstanding of the roles God intends each partner play. (1 Peter 3:7)

## II. A husband needs to consider his wife.

- A. Women are emotionally weaker.
- B. Women are primarily feelers.

III. There is no such thing as a marriage that cannot be fixed if both partners are willing to work at it. If the input is changed, the input will change. (Proverbs 4:23)

## IV. The parts of marriage.

- A. The physical part. God's plan is that the man make the living. (1 Timothy 5:8)
- B. The spiritual part. God is the leader and representative in the household. (Genesis 18:19; Titus 1:7)
- C. The emotional part.

## V. 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.

## VI. 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. Basic truths about sex.
  - 1. Women are aroused more slowly than men.
  - 2. Women require foreplay and after-play.
  - 3. Men should not be rude, crude, dirty or hurried.

## H. Problems.

- 1. Most are psychological.
- 2. 1 Corinthians 7 teaches that neither a husband nor wife should defraud one another of sex.
- 3. Sex outside of marriage results in...
  - a. A guilty conscience.
  - b. Gambling your future happiness.
  - c. Gambling the happiness of your family.
- 4. To guard against infidelity, guard against what you watch, stay in the Bible

## VII. Ways to help your relationship with your wife.

- A. Develop spiritual attractiveness.
- 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.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is marriage difficult?

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

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

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