

# The Godly Man as A Husband

## *Fulfilling His Wife's Needs: Love*

Marriage is a trinity - even as God is a trinity. The parts of marriage are the spiritual, emotional and physical. Like a three-legged milk stool - if one part is missing, it becomes ineffective in its operation. Further, the very nature of marriage in its intimacy reveals the weaknesses and short-comings of each partner. With this knowledge comes the ability to hurt deeply. As men, charged before God with the functioning of the home and family, we desperately need to know and understand the needs of our wives and to take the necessary steps to meet them. Only in this way can we adequately fulfill our responsibility and privilege.

### Your Wife's Emotional Needs

Woman's emotional needs are different than man's. We will consider some of these special needs.

1. How do the following verses apply to the husband/wife relationship?

- a. Ephesians 5:25 .....
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- b. Ephesians 5:28-30 .....
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- c. Colossians 3:19 .....
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- d. I Peter 3:7 .....
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- E. Ephesians 4:31,32 .....
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2. Without using reference material, write out your definition of love .....

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3. Read I Corinthians 13 in several translations. Write out the one thing which stands out to you most .....

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4. From verses 1 thru 3, list some things which are good in themselves, but which are worthless without love. What are they? .....

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5. True love always expresses itself. The following action words for love have been taken from several translations of the Bible. Take each one and write out in your own words: 1) what it means 2) how it works in the home.

a. Love is patient.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

b. Love is kind.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

c. Love is not jealous.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

d. Love is not boastful.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

e. Love has good manners.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

f. Love is not selfish.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

g. Love rejoices in right.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

h. Love is not arrogant.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

i. Love is not irritable.

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

j. Love is not resentful

- 1) .....
- 2) .....

**Application**

6. What I can do: From verse 7 of I Corinthians 13, select one aspect which seems most important to you. Give an example of how it should work in marriage or in the home and also write out how you will incorporate this aspect of love into your marriage or home this week.

a. My choice:  
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b. How it should work  
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c. What I will do  
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**Suggestions For Further Study**

- [Scriptural Home Seminar](#), George Sanchez
- Tape 577 - The Foundation of the Scriptural Home, George Sanchez
- Tape 1059 - Survey of Our Need and God's Provision, Shirley Rice
- Tape 1057 - Husband-Wife Relationship, Leila Sparks
- Tape 2777 - Husband's Responsibility as Lover, Jack Mayhall
- Tape 2773 - Differences Between Men and Women, Carole Mayhall
- Tape 307 - Real Love of Married, Henry Brandt
- Tape 1592 - Christian Marriage, Richard Halverson

- For Men Only, by J. Allen Peterson, Tyndale
- Building A Christian Home, by Brandt and Dowdy, Victor Books
- The Christian Family, by Larry Christenson, Bethany Fellowship.
- Ms. Means Myself, by Gladys Hunt, Zondervan.
- Creative Counterpart by Linda Dillow, Nelson
- Magnificent Marriage by Gordon McDonald, Tyndale
- The Fulfilled Woman by Beardsley and Spry, Harvest House
- You Can Be The Wife of a Happy Husband by Cooper, Victor Books