

Session 3 - The Husband's Role *(continued)*

Ephesians 5:22-29, I Peter 3:7-9

E. Some specific responsibilities

1. Administrator/manager

Ephesians 5:22 (head)

I Timothy 3

- a. Priorities - not equated by quantity of time but attitude (prior attention)
- b. Planning - budget, e.g. tires
- c. Finances - manager, not necessarily bookkeeper (use of gifts)

2. Spiritual guide/high priest

Psalm 78:5-7

a. Teach - truth

Deuteronomy 6:6,7

b. Train - skills

Proverbs 22:6

c. Build (develop - character)

Ephesians 6:4

3. Counselor

Proverbs 27:23

a. Individual attention

b. Quality time, utilizing opportunities

4. Officer for discipline

I Samuel 3:13 cf. 2:22f

a. United front

b. Maintain standards

5. Protector "Saviour"

Ephesians 5:23

II. Lover

Ephesians 5:25-31,33

I Peter 3:7

Colossians 3:19

Definition: "An unselfish concern that freely accepts another and seeks his good."

I Corinthians 13:4-7

Love . . . does not generalize, it discerns

. . . does not confuse, it communicates

. . . does not judge, it understands

Love binds

Colossians 3:14

Love is not a sentimental attitude, love is a discipline. It does whatever is necessary to hold things together..

Love builds

I Corinthians 8:1

Love takes the necessary corrective action that produces development/growth

A. Act of the Will - commanded/obeyed

Ephesians 5:25

Deuteronomy 6:5

John 13:34,35

I John 3:23

1. I Corinthians 13:4-7 (paraphrase) patience, kindness, generosity, humility, courtesy, unselfishness, good temper, guilelessness (pure thoughts), sincerity

2. My choice - God's power

Philippians 2:12,13

3. Demonstrated by actions (cf. qualities above)

B. Forgotten quality in Marriage

1. Basic need of woman - security of affection

Genesis 3:16

2. Too many stop courting, routine chore, becomes bore

3. Verbal expression - "I love you"

C. Understanding/acceptance

I Peter 3:7

1. Differences

a. Help evaluate abilities/gifts and encourage these

b. Don't compare or superimpose another image

c. Protect from self-imposed demands

d. Learn her family background, i.e., communication, sex, finances

2. Attentive listening communicates honest attempt to understand
 - a. "Thoughts disentangle themselves when passing over the lips and through the fingertips."
 - b. "Consideration, kindness more important than solution."
3. Communicate essentiality
 - Genesis 2:18 (God's evaluation)
 - a. Basic need in all of us.
 - b. Mutual projects - appreciation

D. Results of survey - What wife desires from husband

1. Fulfill role of man
2. Real interest in home things
3. Father to children
4. Care in personal habits
5. Financial fairness
6. Patience in sexual matters
7. Little remembrances
8. Program of advancement (home, car, personal development)
9. Discuss things
10. Show appreciation