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# How to Understand Your Wife's Needs

**So, husbands ought also to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh. But nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ also does the church.**

**Ephesians 5:28-29**



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**Husbands automatically assume the responsibility for his wife's needs.**



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**There are two significant issues about women than men must learn and accept to have a harmonious marriage.**

- The first issue is the essential difference that exists between men and women.**
- The second is learning the four major needs of a woman and how best to meet them.**



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# A Women's Four Basic Needs

1. Security
2. Affection
3. Open Communication
4. Leadership



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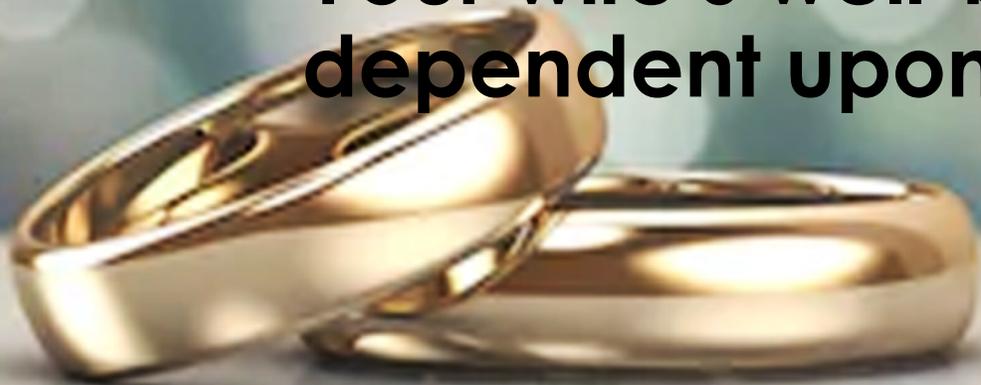
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**1. He must communicate that he cares for his wife above anyone or anything except God.**

- The best way a husband can determine if he is caring for his wife properly is simply to ask her “Honey, do you feel like I’m caring for you properly?” Do you feel provided for and protected”?**
- Your wife’s well-being and prosperity are greatly dependent upon you.**



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## **2. A husband must communicate his admiration and love for his wife.**

- A woman can never hear too often how pretty she is or how much her husband loves her.**
- Every woman is the reflection of her husband.**
- When a man constantly criticizes his wife or make her dig for shallow compliments, she will reflect her insecurity.**



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# Here are some simple rules for praising your wife:

- Be sincere, say good things you really mean, and say them a lot.
- Say something about every area of her life.
- Never use sarcasm
- Earn your word of correction.
- Praise your wife every day and never stop – send cards, flowers, love letter



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**3. A husband must communicate  
his faithfulness.**



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**4. A husband must communicate his dedication to provide financially.**

- **Ways a man can provide this:**
- **Praying for God's blessing and direction**
- **Aggressively seeking the best employment possible.**
- **Being a hard and faithful worker.**
- **Being a wise money manager.**



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**Non-sexual affection is very important, the more you do this the more she will enjoy sex.**

**Women are emotional beings; non-sexual affection gives them a sense of “I care about you and I am not expecting anything back”.**



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- You can't meet your own needs**
- **Every husband has what their wife needs**
  - **There are Heaven Marriages (Servant) and Hell Marriages (Selfish)**

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**Ignorance of God's nature can hinder us as men  
from serving our wife**



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**SERVE what your spouse needs**

- **Compatibility – faith, values, character**
- **Jesus came to serve a need He didn't have**



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**ENJOY serving your spouse with a joyful attitude**

- **Bad attitudes communicate rejection**

- **Love to serve**

- **Express to your wife that it is your pleasure to serve her**



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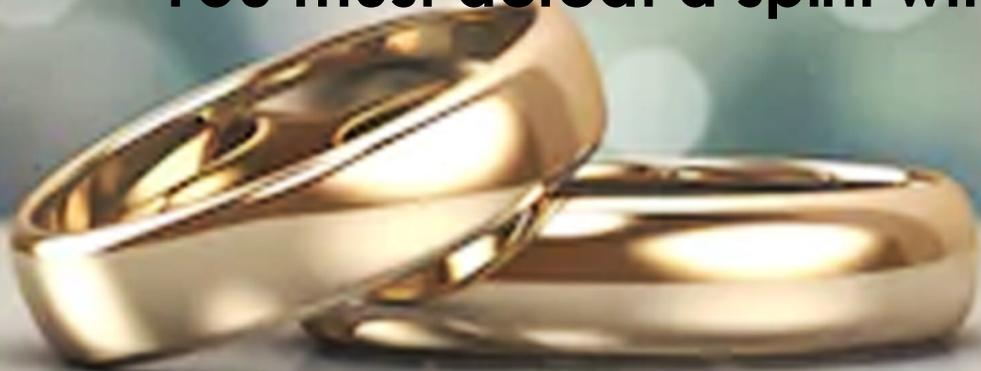
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# REJECT score keeping

- Don't do what you think your spouse deserves it
- When we were doing the wrong thing, Jesus did the right thing
- 1 Peter 3:7 - Husbands, likewise, dwell with *them* with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as *being* heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.
- You are no better with God than your wife
- Serving puts us in the most powerful position
- You must defeat a spirit with a different spirit



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**VIGILANTLY** protect the priority of your marriage and  
time and energy

- You can have good things used the wrong way –  
Children, Church, Work
- Train your children to protect your marriage / respect it
- Date night



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**EXPECT to be blessed and don't get discouraged  
and give up.**

**Humble yourself**



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