Message: New Marriage, Same Spouse Week 2: Understanding Your Husband's Deepest Needs

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 7:3

"A man should fulfill his duty as a husband and a woman should fulfill her duty as a wife, and each should satisfy the other's needs." 1 Corinthians 7:3 (GNT)

#### THE FIVE DEEPEST NEEDS OF YOUR HUSBAND

Dr. Willard Harley, His Needs/Her Needs, (Revell, 1986)

# 1. My Husband Needs Sexual Fulfillment

"Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." Ephesians 5:21

"The wife *gives* authority over her body to her husband, and the husband *gives* authority over his body to his wife. Do not deprive each other of sexual relations, unless you both agree to refrain from sexual intimacy for a limited time so you can give yourselves more completely to prayer. Afterward, you should come together again so that Satan won't be able to tempt you because of your lack of self-control." 1 Corinthians 7:4-5 (NLT)

"...rejoice in the wife of your youth, be captivated with her love." Proverbs 5:18

# 2. My Husband Needs My Recreational Companionship

"Live happily with the woman you love through the fleeting days of life, for the wife God gives you is your best reward down here for all your earthly toil." Ecclesiastes 9:9 (TLB)

## 3. My Husband Needs an Attractive Spouse

"How beautiful you are and how pleasing my love, with your delights!" Song of Solomon 7:6

"A quarrelsome wife is like the dripping of a leaky roof in a rainstorm." Proverbs 27:15

## 4. My Husband Needs Domestic Support

"[Women are]... to love their husbands and their children, to live wisely and be pure, to work in their homes, to do good, and to be submissive to their husbands. Then they will not bring shame on the word of God."

Titus 2:4-5 (NLT)

"Homes are made by the wisdom of women" Proverbs 14:1 (GNT)

"Better a dry crust with peace and guiet than a house full of feasting with strife." Proverbs 17:1

### Fair Division of Labor plan

- 1. Make a list of <u>household</u> responsibilities (including child rearing)
- 2. Divide into his responsibilities and her responsibilities by preference
- 3. Assign <u>remaining</u> responsibilities through <u>compromise</u> and negotiation.

### 5. My Husband Needs My Admiration

"Let the wife see that she respects and reverences her husband – that she notices him, regards him, honors him, prefers him, and esteems him; and that she defers to him, praises him, and loves and admires him exceedingly." Ephesians 5:33 (AMPC)