



Mission Harvest Baptist Church

WOMAN UP: "The Seven Biblical Responsibilities of a Wife" Part 1

REVIEW – The ROLE of a Wife

- I. The Wife is a _____. (Titus 2:5)
- II. The Wife is a _____. (Eph. 5:22-24, 32; 2 Cor. 11:2)
- III. The Wife is a _____. (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7)

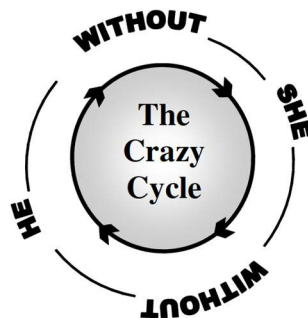
TODAY'S MESSAGE – THE SEVEN BIBLICAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF A WIFE – PART ONE

I. The First Biblical Responsibility of a Wife is to _____ HIM. (Eph. 5:33)

THE MOST IMPORTANT VERSE IN THE BIBLE CONCERNING MARRIAGE... EPHESIANS 5:33

- God "bottomlines" the issue...
 - More than anything else, women need _____.
 - More than anything else, men need _____.
- God knew that...
 - When a husband feels _____ by his wife, he has a natural tendency to treat her in ways that cause her to feel _____.
 - So God gives husbands a command: to _____ their wives! (Eph. 5:33; Col. 3:19; 1 Pet. 3:7)
 - The implication of the verse is that he is to love her _____!
- God also knew that...
 - When a wife feels _____ by her husband, she has a natural tendency to treat him in ways that cause him to feel _____.
 - So God gives wives a command: To _____, or _____ their husbands. (Eph. 5:33)
 - The implication of the verse is that she is to respect him _____!

THE "CRACY CYCLE" (Emerson Eggerichs)



DATING vs MARRIAGE



THE DIVINE DESIGN (Gen. 1:27c)

- Our gender affects the way we _____ things.
- Our gender affects the way we _____ things.
- Our gender affects the way we need to be _____ in order to _____ the _____ of a healthy relationship.
- Decoding each others' messages...

THE DIABOLICAL COUNTER (Gen. 2:24-25 → 3:1; 1 Pet. 5:8)

- From the day your husband was born there has been an all out attack from the wicked one to do whatever he could do to hinder his ability to _____ love.
- From the day you were born there has been an all out attack from the wicked one to do whatever he could do to hinder your ability to _____ love.

DID GOD REALLY MEAN "UNCONDITIONAL" RESPECT?

- The COMMAND through Paul... (Eph. 5:33).
- The CLARIFICATION through Peter... (1 Pet. 3:1-2)

THE WIFE'S "WINNING COMBINATION"

- Your husband seeing in your _____ and _____:
 - An _____ reverence for _____.
 - An _____ reverence for _____. (your _____!)
- Note: God is not calling wives to _____ respectful _____.
God is commanding wives to _____ respectful _____.*

TYPICAL FEARS WIVES HAVE ABOUT SHOWING THEIR HUSBANDS UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT

- "I'm afraid it will make me a _____."
- "I'm afraid it will make me a _____."

SOME KEY "DON'TS" FOR WIVES

- DON'T ever communicate (verbally or non-verbally) to your husband, "I _____ you, but I don't _____ you." (That is as devastating to him as him saying to you, "I _____ you, but I don't _____ you.")
- DON'T ever _____ your husband to another _____. (In his mind, this is perhaps the _____ of disrespect.)
- DON'T _____ your husband. (Correction is part of your _____ nature, but you're not your husband's _____, you're his _____! Scolding him _____ him in his mind to a _____.)
- DON'T try to be his _____. (_____ to him with _____ will not work! _____ to him with your _____!)

TAKING STEPS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

- Trust the _____ of your _____.
- Trust the _____ of your _____.
- Treat your _____ the way you would want your _____ to treat _____.

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;" (Eph. 2:19)



FOR TODAY'S DISCUSSION

1. What one Scripture, statement or principle from the message hit you right between the eyes and dropped you to the mat?
2. If you could ask one question concerning the material we covered today, what would it be? (Feel free to write your question on the scrap paper on the table. Your name is helpful, but not required for asking a question).

FOR NEXT TIME'S DISCUSSION

1. Do you really believe that Eph. 5:33 is teaching a husband that he (as a picture of Christ...) is to have an UNCONDITIONAL LOVE for his wife? (Explain.)
2. Do you really believe that Eph. 5:33 is teaching a wife that she (as a picture of the Church...) is to have an UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT for her husband? (Explain.)
3. How do you think your first year of marriage would have been different if both you and your husband would have understood and applied the powerful teaching of Eph. 5:33?
4. How do you think your marriage would be different in the future if from this point forward, your husband always treated you with UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, and you always treated him with UNCONDITIONAL RESPECT?
5. What percentage of the problems do you think that the behaviour described in Question 6 would resolve in your marriage?
6. What are some practical steps you think you could apply that would keep you and your husband out of the "Crazy Cycle?"
7. Review your message notes in the section "The Wife's Winning Combination" from 1 Pet. 3:1-2. Then, seek to write a paragraph putting the principle in your own words. Think of it like this: how would you communicate 1 Pet. 3:1-2 to one of your girlfriends whose husband was behaving in a manner that made him "unworthy of respect?"
8. Which of the four "Key DON'Ts" for wives would you say you have most violated, or may have the greatest tendency/propensity to violate?
9. Today we suggested "Three Steps in the Right Direction" for your consideration. Which one do you feel you most need to apply? (If it is all three, list them in the order in which you need to prioritize them for your present situation.)