

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HUSBAND

I Husband: The Prototype (Genesis)

In the first chapter of Genesis, we have the description of Creation.

Through the sixth day, everything God created was “good” in vv. 4,10, 12, 18, 21, 25, and in verse 31, “God saw everything that He had made and indeed it was very good.” **But** in Genesis 2:18, God said, “It is **not good**...” (in first 68 verses: 5 “goods”, 1 “very good”, and 1 “not good”). Everything else in creation was perfect, however God was commenting on man’s incompleteness, because his counterpart had not been made yet.

God paraded all the animals before Adam to name them — something was missing!

Genesis 2:18 - “The LORD God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.’” (NIV)

“helper comparable” NKJV

“helper who is just right” NLT

“helper fit” ESV

“help meet” KJV

“helper as his complement” Holman Christian Standard Bible

“to be an authority corresponding to him” International Standard Version

“a companion for him who corresponds to him” NET Bible

God created woman to be Man’s companion, helper, completer, and equal.

“helper suitable for him” - according to its Hebrew usage, is not a demeaning term as it is used elsewhere in Scripture . It indicates one who gives both material and spiritual assistance.

Hence, the woman was to assist the man in accomplishing the task God gave him to worship and obey Him.

She was to complement him in the task of filling, multiplying, and taking dominion over the earth.

At their first meeting, Adam wrote a poem:

Genesis 2:23 - “And Adam said:

**“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of
Man.”**

“This is now bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh?..... hmmm?

Living Bible says “This is it!” In other words, I am now more than I was because she is here!

New Living Translation — “At last!” the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’”

English Standard Version — “Then the man said, ‘This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’”

She is bone of MY bone. Adam received her. An acknowledgement of acceptance and purpose, literally a proclamation of reception. Saying, “God, I receive her as a gift from You.”

“She shall be called Woman” - Man [ish]; Woman [*ishsha*] Adam was affirming both the woman’s equal value to man as well as distinctiveness (by the spelling of the word) as “a delicate vessel”), in which the term typically translated “weaker”, can — and *should* in view of the present passage — be translated “delicate” or even “tender”). cp. I Peter 3:7 LB

Dr. Warren Wiersbe states, “Marriage was born in the loving heart of God for the blessing of mankind. No matter what the courts may decree, or society may permit, when it comes to marriage, God had the first word and He will have the last word!”

Martin Luther called marriage “a school in character”, and it is. As two people live together in matrimony, the experience either brings out the best in them or the worst in them.

“This is exactly what God meant when He said, “Wives, submit to your husbands.” He means that she is to *respond*, to *answer* to him. The wife is the other part of him, the other half of him. He is only half a man without her.” Dr. J. Vernon McGee

The Hebrew word translated “suitable”, carries much more meaning than simply “fit” or “appropriate”. This word also means “opposite” or contrasting. This implies that the two beings were designed to fit together perfectly, not just physically but in all ways. The strengths of each compensated for the weaknesses of the other. It was “not good” for the man to be alone (Genesis 2:18), but, together, Adam and Eve were something far stronger and more magnificent than either of them could have been alone.

Some commentators say that the words used indicate that Eve was taken from Adam’s side, not just his rib. Whether God created Eve from Adam’s rib or his whole side, He accomplished the act in such a way that showed the woman was to complement and complete man in the integral union of marriage. Woman was created to be “beside” man, not beneath or above him. In salvation, man is of no more “worth” and woman is no less a citizen of God’s Kingdom. “There is neither male or female, you are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:29). They stand side-by-side as fellow “heirs...of the gracious gift of life”.

Dr. Matthew Henry put it this way, “She was not made out of the head to rule over him, nor out of his feet to be trampled upon by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.”

Genesis 2:23-24 emphasizes Adam’s need for a companion, a helper, a completer, and an equal. She was complementary to him in the task of filling, multiplying, and taking dominion over the earth.

I Corinthians 11:9 — “neither was man created for woman but woman was created for man.”

“Woman was made by God to meet man’s *deficiency*.” — John MacArthur

The “task” was given to Adam but he needed a “helper *comparable* to him” NKJV.

II Husband: The Pattern (Ephesians 5:18(b), 21-31 NIV)

v. 18(b) “be filled with the Spirit”

God’s fullest intent for the relationship between man and woman is based upon this premise.

v. 21 “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”

“submitting to one another in the fear of God.” NKJV

“Honor Christ by submitting to each other.” LB

We honor Christ by following His example.

The passage that we are examining describes the outcome of a marriage where both husband and wife are being filled with the Spirit. “Fill’er up!”, not once, but mile after mile!

Every spirit-filled man is to be humble and submissive to others and especially to his wife.

Our continual reverence for God is the basis for our submission to others. cp. Proverbs 9:10 LB.

“Submit” — subordinating my rights to another.

Selfishness and pride are at the root of disharmony in most relationships. It is not a matter of rank or authority, it is a matter of each party bowing down before the One who is in control. We are called to be “humble”, “gentle”, and “patient” with each other. Philippians 2:3-4.

Where are *selfishness and pride* dealt with? At the foot of the Cross! Daily “dwelling” in God’s Word and fellowshiping with Him!

We submit not to power and authority but to love. Jesus said, “If you love me, keep my commandments.” John 14:15.

v. 22 “Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord.”

The submission is not the husband’s to command but for the wife to willingly and lovingly offer, First she is to submit to the Lord, *then* to her husband.

J. Vernon McGee — “The word ‘submit’ in this passage is a very mild word. It is a loving word, meaning to *respond* to your husband as unto the Lord.”

v. 23 “For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.”

v. 24 “Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.”

Men, why do we, as part of the church, submit to Christ? Because He is our Savior! He gave up His life for us to save us from the consequences of our sins, he saved us from death and eternal separation from God, He came to give us not just life, but life more abundantly! Jesus provides us with salvation, purpose, and motivation.

How are we motivated by Christ’s love? Let’s examine II Corinthians 5:14(a) for the answer:

NIV “For Christ’s love compels us...”

NKJV “For the love of Christ compels us...”

NET “For the love of Christ controls us...”

NEB “For the love of Christ leaves us no choice...”

Weymouth “For the love of Christ overmasters us...”

Wuest “For the love which Christ has [for me] presses on me from all sides, holding me to one end and prohibiting me from considering any other, wrapping itself around me in tenderness, giving me an impelling motive.”

“Compel” — to force someone to do something. “I have to!”

“Impel” — to cause someone to feel a strong need to do something. “I want to!” “I can’t help myself!”

Ray Stedman — Some people thought Paul was crazy or insane because he was so focused on serving Christ and influencing people for Christ. His actions were the actions of love, directed to the glory of God and the service of men, never for the advancement of self!”

“We love Him because He first loved us.” I John 4:19

Men, when you consider the love that Jesus has for you, does that motivate you to serve and obey Him? That’s how that we are to love our wives!

v. 25 “Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her...”

“love” *agapao* — seeking the highest good for another person. This is the supreme responsibility of the husband; to love his wife with the sacrificial love that Christ has for His Church. He gave up everything, including his own life for her!

John 10: 11,15,17,&18. Jesus says that He “lays down” his life for His sheep.

Husbands are not commanded to lead but to love!

I Corinthians 13:4-7 LB. “Love is very patient and kind, never jealous or envious, never boastful or proud, 5 never haughty or selfish or rude. Love does not demand its own way. It is not irritable or touchy. It does not hold grudges and will hardly even notice when others do it wrong. 6 It is never glad about injustice, but rejoices whenever truth wins out. 7 If you love [your wife], you will be loyal to [her] no matter what the cost. You will always believe in [her], always expect the best of [her], and always stand your ground in defending [her].”

Don't be stubborn! Keep her best interests uppermost in your mind and you won't go wrong.

What does it mean that Christ "gave himself up for her?"

To say that we are to lay down our lives for our wives, what does that mean?

One definition of "life" is "the period of time when a person is alive." (Not rocket science!).

In other words: My life is my time!

Thought Question: We are currently exchanging our lives (time!) for something. What are you exchanging your life for?

To our wives, next to Jesus, we are called to be her Savior and Deliverer. We are to take up our cross and be willing to give up our lives, that is to die, for her; deciding that we are willing to pay whatever price of inconvenience. Are we willing to commit ourselves to her fulfillment no matter what pain is involved in that? Are we willing to go the distance to allow Christ to make her into what He wants her to be?

Dr. Tony Evans: "Jesus Christ didn't die for us because we are lovable, he died for us to make us lovable. cp. Romans 5:8.

Always keep pointing her back to Christ, if she needs changing, He will do it!
Define "Grace".

Thought Question: In obedience to the Lord, are you willing to receive and remain committed to your wife even if she never changes?

At the heart of being a Savior is sacrifice, if there is no sacrifice, there is no love. What sacrifices is the Lord leading you to make for your wife?

v. 26 "to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word..."

v. 27 "and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless."

NKJV "That he might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the Word."

Sanctify - to set apart for special use.

Husband: To present her to yourself, without any "stain" - to be marked or damaged by a stain. Synonyms: blemish, spoil, tarnish. Related Words: besmirch, soil, cheapen, degrade, demean, demoralize. Antonyms: cleanse, purify, dignify, elevate, ennoble, uplift.

Or,

Wrinkle - one definition is: crease in the skin especially when due to age, worry, or fatigue (Husbands, you can do something about worry and fatigue!)

JVMcG — "The cleanser is the Word of God...it will not only take out the spots but will keep her from getting further spots in her life."

John 17:17

Pray for her and encourage her with God's Word: doctrine, reproof, correction, instruction in righteousness.

Thought Question: How is you wife's Quiet Time?

As "Savior", when she needs strength, you are her strength; when she needs encouragement, you are her encouragement; when she needs joy, you are her joy!

Do yourself a favor, love your wife! You are the initiator; she is the responder.

- Don't wait for her to say, "I love you", you say it first!
- Don't wait for her to serve you, you serve her first!

v. 28 "In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself."

v. 29-30 "After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church for we are members of His body."

(Don't be stubborn. At this point, you might feel like your giving in. "if I start doing this stuff, she'll have the upper hand and I'll never regain control again." Not true! This "stuff" works!)

NKJV "nourishes and cherishes"

"Nourish" — to provide someone with food and *other things*, that are needed to live, grow healthy, etc. *to cause something to grow stronger.*

"Cherish" — to hold dear; feel or show strong affection for someone.

Example:

Lonnie: "Precious China cup."

Verse card: "Lonnie appreciates me most when I am understanding, gentle, and have good manners."

Honor her —

Dr. Tony Evans — "If husbands would treat their wives like thoroughbreds, they wouldn't end up with old nags. Men say, "She's a nag!" But maybe it's because of how you're treating her. Men say, "I married the wrong woman!", Well, if you married the wrong woman, treat her like the right woman and she'll become the right woman".

Again, the Husband is the initiator; wife is the responder.

Dr. Tony Evans — "You are the thermostat; she is the thermometer!

You can usually measure a man by looking into the face of his wife, because she is his mirror, letting it be known what kind of man he really is."

We don't all receive love in the same way. Example: What is her Love Language? What is yours?

Words of Affirmation, Quality Time, Receiving Gifts, Acts of Service, and Physical Touch. "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman

Cp. Colossians 3:18-19

NIV — "Wives, submit yourselves to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them."

Amplified — "Wives, be subject to your husbands [out of respect for their position as protector, and their accountability to God], as is proper and fitting in the Lord. 19 Husbands, love your wives [with an affectionate, sympathetic, selfless love that always seeks the best for them] and do not be embittered or resentful toward them [because of the responsibilities of marriage]."

J.B. Phillips — "Wives, adapt yourselves to your husbands, that your marriage may be a Christian unity. Husbands, be sure you give your wives much love and sympathy; don't let bitterness or resentment spoil your marriage."

One subtle way that God has for keeping the husband in line, regarding his wife, and that is not to answer his prayers. I Peter 3:7 LB

vv. 31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united with his wife, and the two will become one flesh."

This takes us full-circle back to Genesis 2:24

Jay Adams — "Men and women were designed to become "one flesh" (Gen. 2: 24). But there can be no oneness apart from a male and a female partner who approximate one another at every point. This "oneness" is not to be thought of merely as sexual union (though it certainly includes that). Rather, in Hebrew thought, the term "flesh" referred not only to the physical body, but also to the whole person."

Throughout Scripture, sexual union outside of marriage is condemned and shown to be destructive, and so are the perversions of the sexual union (Romans 1:24-27). No matter what the Supreme Court and secular society says, "God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral Hebrews 13:4 NIV

"One Flesh" - What man lacked, she supplied; what she lacked, he supplied. Marriage involves one male and one female becoming one flesh.

Sexual union is a way to express this exclusive unity and why the Bible limits sexual relations to married couples.

I find it amazing that when each partner in a marriage relationship fulfills their respective roles, the result can be a very real "turn on" to the other.

v. Ephesians 5:32 “This is a profound mystery — but I am talking about Christ and the church.”

Warren Wiersbe — “Our Christian homes are to be pictures of Christ’s relationship to His church... the Church is His body and His bride, and the Christian home is a divinely ordained illustration of this relationship.”

“Adam had to give part of himself in order to get a bride, but Christ gave all of Himself purchase His bride at the cross.”

Culmination: Revelation 19:7 “Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready.”

v. 33 “However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.”

III Husband: The Receiver

From Adam’s rib God fashioned a helper suitable for his need.

Dr. Jack Taylor, The Principle of Receiving (Discipleship Library) “When given a gift, man has one of two responses: receiving or rejecting. Receiving brings release; rejection brings chaos. Satan brought chaos into the world when he convinced Adam to reject God’s provision for man. When Adam rejected God’s plan for his life, the result was chaos!

“Receive” is used throughout the Bible as in John 1:12, when we receive, we receive liberty and life. If Adam had rejected Eve, she never would have become all that God intended her to be. But, he received her and she was free to become all that God had intended her to become and exactly what Adam needed!

Wedding vows: “Do you *take* this woman?” Don’t lie! You two didn’t get together by accident. Out of all the people in the world, God picked her for you! Be careful of accusing God of giving you a dirty deal! How can we be what God perfectly intended us to be until we receive our wives?

Try to look at your wife as God sees her in the light of Calvary. God sees her complete in Christ and in the process of becoming; you must see her as God sees her.

We must overcome a rejection pattern that leads to deadlock.

We must tell God that “I receive her not only as being perfect, but perfecting. I receive her as a gift from You!”

God doesn’t put very many “same’s” together, i;e., Quiet vs talkative, sloppy vs orderly, punctual vs late, etc. Why should God deliver her from whatever it is until “it” has had its perfect work in your life. “Lord, what are you trying to say to me through this woman?” Not until you receive her as a gift from God will there be release, in and through her, all the power of God to be, to you, all that you need, want, desire, and deserve.

Don't fight it! Biblical principles really work!

Example: Lonnie applied 1 Peter 3:1 principle without even knowing it and the Lord used it to draw me to Himself.

IV Practical Outcome

When both husband and wife are led by the Holy Spirit and functioning as God intended, they become a Team. There is a synergy that could not happen otherwise, i.e., the outcome is greater than what either could accomplished separately.

For illustration purposes, I offer Lonnie's and my marriage as an example:

1) Common objective and a Vision of it.

Man's original task was to fill, multiply, and take dominion over the earth. In other words, God said to Adam, "I love you and I have created you in my image and for my glory. I want more like you. Therefore, I am going to give you a helper who will be your perfect complement. The two of you will work as one to fill My earth with more just like you!"

Today, God accomplishes this task through Jesus Christ's Great Commission and He uses us as His Ambassadors to spread the Good News and raise up multiplying Disciples for His Glory.

For Lonnie and me, this is our Mission/Objective/Vision to fulfill Christ's Great Commission:

"To know Jesus Christ in our own lives in ever increasing depth and to make Disciples and raise up Laborers at all times, under any condition, in every place we go." Matthew 28:18-20; Philippians 3:10; John 15:8 &16; Matthew 9:36-38; Colossians 1: 28-29 JBP

2) An accepted leader.

It takes a follower to make a leader.

3) Agreement on methods and activities.

This includes how we use our home, how we interact with people, what ministry opportunities that we participate in, etc.

4) Strong sense of love and loyalty.

5) Certain division of labor.

Obviously, there are things that we do individually and together all of which contribute toward our Objective and Vision.

V Workshop Application

Husband: You are the initiator; she is the responder. It starts with you.

1) Is your relationship with God what He would have it to be? If not, what do you intend to do about it?

2) Is your relationship with your wife what God would have it to be? If not, what do you intend to do about it?

3) List three areas where your wife is your companion, helper, and completer:

4) List three things that you will do, as soon as you get home, to show your wife that you cherish and receive her as God's gift and that you are willing to lay down your life for her:

Tools that you may find helpful in your marriage:

- Myers-Briggs Personality Test — Available online (for a fee). Determine personality types.
- PREPARE/ENRICH is an online assessment tool for both married and unmarried couples who want to understand and improve their relationship.
- The Principle of Receiving — Dr. Jack Taylor, discipleshiplibrary.com

GENERAL DIFFERENCES IN MEN AND WOMEN

WHAT IS A MAN?

Father

A man develops his manhood through fatherhood (physical/spiritual). He creates, he provides, he teaches, and directs. He shares what he has and what he is with those for whom he is responsible. He gives of his own self (body, heart, mind, and will) so that each one in his care might become his or her own unique self. When he repudiates his duties as a parent, ("I'll make the money, you raise the children,") he unwittingly undermines his own manhood. (A woman prefers a manly, masculine man. One reason: such a man makes her feel more like a woman.)

CONQUEROR

Man's mission is to subdue the earth, to gain mastery over the forces of nature. He competes and does battle with fellowman. He seeks status and proves his worth by acquiring and exercising power. ("Now you know who's boss around here.") He, too, shows love but shows his love by working, by conquering the world.

CENTER OF INTEREST: THE WORLD

He sees the world of business and work as his natural environment. Here is where the action is, this is where his interest lies. (The perennial danger: his job can be divisive, can become more important than his family.) Man is expansive. He looks for new challenges; constantly extends his horizons.

OBJECTIVE

A fact is a fact. More detached viewpoint. Sees things and events as they are in themselves. ("I don't deny that a trip would be fun, but we just can't afford it right now.") ("The Jones' called to say they can't come. They're going to be busy tomorrow.")

IMPERSONAL

Thing-centered, idea-centered. To him the real world is that of material objects, and of plans and projects and abstract principles. Thinks of people as members of a group or in terms of their functions. ("Yes, the office boy does a good job.") Because of this attitude, leans more towards justice and strictness.

SOUL-MODEST

Not embarrassed by his physical nakedness, but reluctant to reveal his inner self. ("It makes me uncomfortable to talk about love. Besides, don't actions speak louder than words?") Equates sentiment with sentimentality; thinks it unmanly to display his honest feeling to cry, for example, or to admit that he has fears.

PASSIONATE

SEX? Anytime, anyplace. He is jetpropelled: sights, words, touches can rapidly, even instantly, arouse him. More prone to think of intercourse as a physical act in which spouses *do* something.

NEGLECTS

Tends to take his spouse for granted. ("Of course I love you. I married you, didn't I?") Forgets about or can't be bothered with (what are to him) the trivial details, attentions, the thoughtfulness and courtesy, that means so much to a woman, show her that he thinks of her as a person — not a housekeeper.

MAIN WEAKNESS — SENSE OF DISCOURAGEMENT

This is his psychological pitfall. The doer, the fighter, the conqueror, he needs a continuing vote of confidence; to be esteemed and admired, to have his ego built up. A man can never succeed enough, will never be satisfied. (A wife can either push or inspire, her husband, make or break him. But if he's a success in her eyes, he never really fails.) He needs her behind him at all times.

FUTURE-MINDED

Not overly concerned with today, but looks to tomorrow. What will the future be like? What can be done by next year? He takes a long-range view.

ESSENTIAL-MINDED

Focuses on what is important. Goes to the heart of the matter, gets to the point. ("I'll admit it's a good-looking car, but how well does it run?") ("But I did remember your birthday. I gave you a watch.") ("I liked that speaker's ideas.")

LOGICAL

Studies the evidence; then, step by step, in orderly fashion, reasons to a conclusion. ("You didn't say you were worried. How was I to know?") ("Look at how hard I work. Doesn't that prove that I love you?")

STEADY

Displays fewer ups and downs in his emotional patterns. Tends to stay in the same mood (pleasant or mean) the better part of the day.

A LEADER

The decision-maker. Must carve out his, and his family's destiny. His masculinity demands reassurance that he is the "Head of the House."

EGOTISTIC

His favorite personal pronoun (by ten to one) is "I." Strives to rise above or to be better than others. To esteem him and to admire him is to give him the attention he craves. (The smart wife takes care not to humiliate her husband; instead she makes him feel important.)

WHAT IS A WOMAN?

Mother

A woman develops her womanhood through motherhood (physical/spiritual). She is womb-centered. Rooted deep in her being is the desire to produce, conserve, and nourish life. She may choose not to mother a child; but mother something or someone she will; her husband, her boss, her poodle. (A man prefers a feminine, womanly woman. One reason: such a woman makes him feel more like a man.)

LOVER

"Love is a man's life apart, 'tis woman's existence." For her, to love (and to be loved) is to live. She finds fulfillment in taking care of her family's needs and in demonstrating affection. She, too, is a conqueror, but conquers by means of personal love.

CENTER OF INTEREST: THE HOME

Her home is an extension of herself. This is the creation-part of her heart and soul. Here she is queen. Woman is conservative. She takes root, gathers unto herself, seeks to preserve and to make more secure the familiar world that is already hers. ("I don't want a bigger house; I want a better home. I wish you'd spend less money on us and more time with us.")

SUBJECTIVE

Feelings come first. More attached. Makes much of things and events and what they mean in relation to herself. ("Maybe we can't afford a trip, but think of the fun we'd have.") ("The Jones' aren't coming, you say? I wonder what we did to offend them?")

PERSONAL

Person-centered. Attaches greater importance to people, more aware that each individual is a unique human being. ("George, our mailman, says he has sinus trouble.") Because of this basic attitude is more likely to be merciful and lenient.

BODY-MODEST

Hesitant to expose her physical self and doubly so when unsure of her own attractiveness. ("I wonder what he'll think of my figure?") Loves, though, to talk, to verbalize and externalize what she feels.

ROMANTIC

Her mood and the setting may have much to do with her desire and sexual response. ("Not this evening, I'm too tired" or "Soften the lights, turn on the music.") Like a lumbering bomber she becomes airborne, excited, gradually, less quickly. Approaches intercourse more as an emotional experience by means of which husband and wife *say* something.

NAGS

Her mother-instinct, her emotionalism, her concern for detail all combine to make her a fault-finder. ("You never tell me what a good cook I am.") Nagging is a device that can get her the attention that she wants.

MAIN WEAKNESS — SENSE OF LONELINESS

This is her psychological pitfall. More loving, more emotional, more subjective, more dependent, she is more sensitive to human loneliness. Experiences greater need for interpersonal relationships and for heart to heart communications.

PRESENT-MINDED

Not too worried about the future, but more interested in the present. It's the here and now that matters to her.

DETAIL-MINDED

Impressed by, and distracted by, the little things — the accidental and incidental. These to her mean a lot. ("Isn't the dashboard cute?") ("I know you gave me a watch, but you didn't even bother to wrap it.") ("Did you notice the tie the speaker was wearing?")

INTUITIVE

Often know without knowing how she knows. Relies on instinct, on emotion. ("There's something bothering you; I can tell.") ("I just feel you've changed towards me. You haven't said you love me lately.")

CHANGEABLE

Sensitive to people, and environment. She shifts her emotional gears more frequently and abruptly. ("You don't care for her mood? Just wait ten minutes.")

A FOLLOWER

Feels secure when relying on a man (but with a womanly, not childish, dependence). Must feel needed as a helpmate to her husband. Her femininity demands reassurance that she is the "Heart of the House."

JEALOUS

She wants all of her husband's love, all of the time. In her craving for attention she is monopolistic, inclined to possess, so appropriate, to make sure that this man is exclusively her own. Every woman, to any woman, is a rival. (The smart husband continually reminds his wife that she is the only woman he loves.)