

# **The Husband's Role**

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## I. Introduction.

A. Marriage is important to God, important to our nation and important to the individual. (Genesis 1; Romans 1)

B. Problems in marriage come from...

1. Personality differences.
2. Vulnerability. (1 Peter 4:8)
3. Selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10; John 12:24)
4. The world we live in.
5. Spiritual warfare.

C. There is no such thing as an unworkable marriage. If both partners are willing to change the input, then the output will change also. (Proverbs 4:23)

## II. There are three parts of marriage.

A. Emotional. (1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25-29; 4:31-32)

1. Husbands are to keep their wives clued in.
2. The extent of a husband's love for his wife should be his life.

B. Spiritual. (Genesis 18:19; Titus 1:7)

C. Physical. (1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5)

## III. A woman has certain emotional needs.

A. Women need leadership.

B. Women need security. (1 Corinthians 14:8)

C. Women need affection.

1. Husbands should tell their wives they love them.
2. Husbands should do things that express their love

## IV. God always planned that a man would lead.

## V. Sex.

- A. God created sexuality. (Genesis 1:27; Hebrews 13:4)
- B. Sex was God's idea. (Genesis 1:28)
- C. Both men and women have sexual needs.
- D. Sex cannot be separated from spiritual or emotional realities.
- E. Sex is intended for pleasure for husband and wife. (Proverbs 5:15, 18-19)
- F. The nature of sex demands modesty and privacy.
- G. Sex is a mental attitude.
- I. Men and women look at sex differently.
- J. Sex cannot be separated from love.
- K. Sex does not constitute marriage, nor does marriage constitute sex.
- L. God has several reasons for sexual contact in marriage.
  - A. Expression of love.
  - B. Reproduction.
  - C. The release of tension.
  - D. Enjoyment.
- M. Problems.
  - 1. Most are emotional. (1 John 1:9; James 4:8)
  - 2. 1 Corinthians 7 teaches that neither a husband nor wife should defraud one another of sex.
  - 3. Neurotic husbands, which include domineering, non-communicative and child husbands.
- N. Reasons men seek sex outside of marriage.
  - 1. An inhibited wife.
  - 2. A frigid wife.
  - 3. Lack of religious value system.
  - 4. A pragmatic philosophy.
  - 5. Adhering to the polygamous trait.

O. Sex outside of marriage is destructive. (Proverbs 6:32; 1 Peter 5:8)

P. Having an affair is a poor gamble.

Q. Love is the greatest cure for sex problems. Love is an act of the will. The mind must be restructured. (Titus 2; Mark 10:42; Philippians 4:8)

R. Keep love alive.

1. Develop spiritual attractiveness. (Romans 5:5)
2. Verbalize your love daily.
3. Physically express your love.
4. Be kind and considerate to one another.
5. Be forgiving.
6. Avoid comparison.
7. Be willing to adjust.
8. Strive to understand your partner.
9. Be patient.
10. Trust each other.
11. Become friends.
12. Do some things together.
13. Do some things apart.
14. Enjoy your children together.
15. Avoid financial slavery.
16. Keep your roles straight.
17. Compliment and praise each other every day.
18. Communicate. (Hebrews 13:4)
19. Keep clean.
20. Men should not be rude, crude, dirty, impatient, selfish or hurried.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is marriage difficult?

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2. What are some of the differences between men and women that might help us to understand each other better for a successful marriage?

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3. What are some ways you would like to grow as a husband? Explain.

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