

Being God's Kind of Wife in Today's World

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I. Introduction.

A. Marriage in the home is under attack today.

B. The maintaining of a meaningful, happy marriage is top priority in God's heart. Marriage was the first institution that God established.

C. All that we need to do to get our marriages to fail is do nothing. (1 Corinthians 10:12)

II. Satan appeals to our vanity and he tries to divide the home.

III. Women are to support their husbands as the head of their families. (Ephesians 5:22-25; Genesis 2:18)

IV. Wives are to be submissive.

A. This is not a matter of domineering or second class status.

B. It is a matter of different role. Women are equal coheirs.

C. We prevent husbands from disobeying God when we are not submissive.

D. We must also submit to obey God's will for us.

E. We do this as a service unto the Lord. (Ephesians 5:22; Titus 2:5)

F. Our submission reflects our obedience to God.

V. Wives should accept husbands they way they are.

A. We must give up our self-righteous attitude.

B. We must look to their better sides.

VI. Wives should express interest in their husbands. Self-centeredness keeps us from this.

VII. Wives need to encourage their husbands.

VIII. Wives need to listen to their husbands and give them their undivided attention. (Proverbs 31:12; 1 Corinthians 13:7)

IX. Wives need to treat husbands as they ought to be.

X. Wives should keep their husbands second only to the Lord.

XI. Wives should be a loving companion.

A. They should not nag. (Proverbs 21:9)

- B. They should not be negative and critical. (Philippians 4:8)
- C. They should not be dream busters. (Proverbs 14:1)
- D. They should not be filled with self-pity and complaining. (Jude 16)
- E. They should not talk too much. (Proverbs 21:11; 18:2)
- F. They should let matters die. (Proverbs 17:9)
- G. They should watch out for bitterness. (Hebrews 12:15)
- H. They should not have a defensive spirit.
- I. They should work at being sweet-hearts.
- J. They need to reverence and respect their husbands. (Ephesians 5:33)
- K. They need to admire their husbands.
- L. They should not be a ceaseless chatterer.
- M. They should keep themselves attractive.

XII. Wives should be a loving sex-partner.

- A. The right attitude is important. Recognize that intercourse is good. (James 1:17; Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 18:12)
- B. Sex should not be used as a weapon or a reward. (1 Corinthians 7:3)
- C. Foreplay is for our benefit. Anything is permissible as long it is not offensive to one party.
- D. Your mind is your greatest sexual organ. (Proverbs 31:11-12)

Application questions:

1. How would you explain the topic of submission to a wife struggling with the idea?

2. What are some misconceptions about the role of the wife that Christians must overcome?

3. What are some ways you can grow to love your husband better? Explain.
