

To Husbands

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Ephesians 5:25.

II. Kindness is a big part of a husband's responsibility toward his wife.

III. A good marriage is built on each spouse's relationship with God.

IV. The basic responsibility of a husband toward a wife is to love her as Christ loves the church.

A. Love is always active. (John 3:16, 1 John 3:18)

B. Three things a husband should do every day.

1. He should say he loves her.
2. He should do something nice for her.
3. He should pay her a compliment.

C. A husband should develop the habit of happiness in the home. (Proverbs 17:22)

D. A husband's priorities should be the following in order: God, his wife, his children.

E. A wife should know that next to God she is number one in his thoughts.

F. A few things to avoid.

1. Sarcasm.
2. Public criticism.
3. Comparing unfavorably to another woman.
4. Dropping a delayed time-bomb.
5. Being late without phoning.

G. Little things need to be addressed so that they do not build up.

V. Communication between a husband and wife.

A. This is seen as one of the greatest challenges.

B. An atmosphere of love helps this area.

C. Approach your partner with a desire to know, listen and understand.

D. Work out patterns of speaking.

Application questions:

1. What are some road-blocks to communication?

2. What are some specific practical ways you can love your wife better every day?

3. What does healthy communication look like? Explain.
