

# **Husband and Wife Responsibility**

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### **I. Introduction.**

- A. It is important for spouses to develop recreational intimacy.
- B. Husbands and wives have certain Scriptural responsibilities. (Ephesians 5:21)

### **II. Spouses are to be submitted to one another.**

- A. This is an attitude of the heart.
- B. Christians should not have a problem doing this with one another.

### **III. The command to husbands is to love their wives.**

- A. We need to be accountable and responsible to love each other's wives.
- B. Husbands are to be leaders.
  - 1. One of the principles of good leadership is initiating and maintaining good communication.
  - 2. Christ was an example of initiating and maintaining good communication.
- C. Love is to be expressed in action. (1 John 3:18, John 3:16, Romans 5:8)
  - 1. Tell your wife you love her every day.
  - 2. Do something nice for your wife every day.
  - 3. Compliment your wife every day.
- D. A husband should create an atmosphere that is fun and exciting.

### **IV. Conflict.**

- A. Loving conflict refuses to win.
- B. The Christian marriage is characterized by unity so that one person compensates for another's weakness.

### **V. Respecting one's husband means to deeply enjoy him. (1 Peter 3:2)**

- A. Love in marriage is characterized by acceptance.
- B. Love in marriage is characterized by admiration.
- C. Love in marriage is characterized by appreciation. (Proverbs 15:23; 12:25)
- D. Love in marriage is characterized for a wife by submission.

### **VI. Scripture memory.**

**Application questions:**

1. What does leadership in communication look like?

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2. How can a husband and wife do conflict well? Explain.

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3. What does submission look like in marriage?

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