

Christian Husband

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I. Introduction.

A. We cannot escape the importance of the one flesh union. (Romans 1:27; Proverbs 6:32)

B. Reasons for problems.

1. People come in with their own patterns.
2. People make themselves vulnerable and open themselves up to deep hurt. (1 Peter 4:8)
3. Selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10)
4. The world we live in.
5. Satan.
6. Misconceptions about roles each partner should be playing. People do not leave and cleave. (Genesis 2:24)

C. If both parties are willing to work at it, the marriage will work. (Proverbs 4:23)

II. The parts of marriage.

A. The emotional part.

1. Women feel, and men think. This is why men have been given leadership. Women are weaker vessels emotionally. (1 Peter 3:7)
2. Men need to love their wives as Christ loved the church. (Ephesians 5:25-29)
3. Men need to be forgiving and kind. (Ephesians 1:31-32)

B. The spiritual part. (Genesis 18:19)

C. The physical part. (1 Timothy 5:8)

1. God's plan is that the man make the living.
2. Men need to satisfy their wives physically. (1 Corinthians 7:4-5)

III. The greatest area of need is the emotional area.

A. Women need emotional leadership.

B. Women need security.

C. Women need to be appreciated.

D. Women need to be involved in the outside world.

E. Women need to continue to be chased.

F. Women need real leadership. Her responsibility is to submit. God holds a man responsible for where they submit.

IV. The physical relationship.

A. Sex is not bad. (Genesis 1:28; Hebrews 13:4)

B. Women need to warm up to sex.

C. Women do not climax as quickly as men.

D. Don't be hurried, crude, rude, impatient and selfish.

V. Types of a neurotic husband.

A. The explosive, domineering and argumentative husband.

B. The compulsive husband.

C. The child husband.

VI. The ten commandments for husbands.

A. Treat your wife with kindness and gentleness.

B. Give ample praise and reassurance.

C. Define areas of responsibility.

D. Avoid criticism.

E. Remember the importance of little things.

F. Give her a sense of security.

G. Recognize her need for togetherness.

H. Recognize the validity of her mood.

I. Cooperate with her in every effort to improve the marriage.

J. Discover her particular needs and try to meet them.

VII. Conclusion. (Ephesians 4:13; 5:22; Colossians 3)

Application questions:

1. Why is marriage difficult?

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

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