

Marriage - Part 2

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I. Introduction.

II. The husband's responsibility. (Ephesians 5:25-29)

A. The husband is supposed to take care of his wife as if she were his own body.

1. The wife should continue to be cherished.

2. The speaker continues to date his wife.

B. Husbands are to treat their wives with physical purity. Men have lost their leadership in the home for failing to do this. (1 Thessalonians 3)

C. Husbands are not to be harsh with their wives. (Colossians 3)

D. Husbands are to have deference towards their wives. The man is to take his wife's desires into consideration. (1 Peter 3:7)

E. The husband is to provide...

1. The right atmosphere in the home.

2. Materially for his wife.

F. The husband's responsibility as a father.

1. The father is to do the discipline of the children.

2. A father should spend time with his children.

3. His responsibility is for the spiritual leadership in the home.

III. The wife's responsibility. (Titus 2)

A. A wife is to avoid wine and love her husband when he comes home.

B. A wife is to obey her husband.

1. By nature humans seek independence from God but we are only happy when we are dependent upon Him.

2. This is also true of the wife in relation to her husband.

3. The wife is even to be obedient and submissive to the un-believing husband. (1 Peter 3:1-5)

C. A wife is to be the keeper of her home.

1. As far as involvement in the ministry, it is not wise to compare oneself with others.

2. A wife's first responsibility is to her husband, children and home. This qualifies her to teach younger women. (Titus 2)

D. A meek and humble woman makes a great contribution to the home.(1 Peter 3:4-5)

E. A wife is to avoid idleness. (Proverbs 31)

IV. To both the husband and wife.

A. Never let the sun go down on your imagination.

B. Be united - do not disagree in front of children.

V. Summary.

A. Christ is our peace. (Ephesians 3:14)

B. Christ must be head of the home.

C. We must rely on the Lord. The Christian life is not a do-it-yourself kit.

Application questions

A. Summarize the husband's responsibilities. Which one stands out to you? Explain.

B. Summarize the wife's responsibilities. Which one stands out to you? Why?

C. What will you do better to develop a proper Christian atmosphere in your home as a result of this message?
