

Wife's Responsibility

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I. Introduction.

- A. Fears about missing out spiritually or dishonoring one's heritage.
- B. Marriage must be given priority. (Proverbs 12:4)
- C. Marriage is God's way of leading us through his curriculum.

II. Wives need to revere their husbands, which includes respect, referring to and revering (honor, esteem, appreciate, prize and in the human sense adore, which means to admire, praise, be devoted to and deeply enjoy). (1 Peter 3:2)

A. This takes God's power and enabling.

B. Summing up revering your husband.

- 1. Accept your husband. This requires vulnerability.
- 2. Admire your husband. (Proverbs 11:22; 15:23; 12:25)
 - a. It is not helpful to be a nagging wife.
 - b. We ought to be praying for the ability to encourage.
- 3. Appreciate your husband.
- 4. Adapt to your husband. (Ephesians 5:25)
 - a. A wife's responsibility is not conditioned upon her husband's.
 - b. A wife still needs to submit if her husband is not a follower of Christ.
 - c. In response to disagreements a wife should pray and...
 - a. God will change her husband's heart.
 - b. God will move him to ask her about it.
 - c. God will lay it on her heart to share freely with him.

Application questions:

1. What does it look like for a wife to submit to her husband?

2. What challenges does a wife often have to overcome in order to submit?

3. What are some ways you can better show reverence to your husband? Explain.
