

# **Husband and Wife Relationships, Part 1**

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## I. Introduction.

A. A good marriage relationship is based on walking in love, a spirit of thanksgiving and wisdom. (Ephesians 4:31)

## II. Differences in marriage.

A. God made us to complement each other, so we need to understand each other's differences. (Proverbs 24:3)

B. God gave us two different people in marriage to see things with better perspective.

C. Men tend to be more objective while women tend to be more subjective.

D. Women tend to think more in details.

E. Men are more logical and use their reason more while women are more sensitive.

F. Men use speech to communicate facts while women use speech more to communicate feelings.

G. Couples have to fight for a healthy relationship.

## III. Become familiar with temperament type differences.

## IV. You should use your spouse as a counselor.

## V. What it means for a husband to love his wife. (Ephesians 5:25)

A. Love must be accompanied by action. (1 John 3:18)

B. Daily objectives.

1. Tell your wife you love her.

2. Do something nice for your wife.

3. Pay your wife a compliment.

C. A husband should be able to cultivate a fun home.

D. Order of priorities: relationship with God, relationship with your wife and relationship with your children.

E. A wife needs to know that she is the subject of a husband's thoughts frequently.

**Application questions:**

1. What are some of the differences you have with your spouse that make marriage a challenge?

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2. How can we overcome and appreciate those differences?

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3. What are some practical ways you can love your spouse? Explain.

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