

How to Really Love Your Wife

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I. Introduction.

A. Husbands and wives need to deal with their conflicts appropriately.

B. Text: Ephesians 5:22-33.

II. Apart from the commands about a man's relationship to Christ, the command to love one's wife as Christ loves the church is perhaps the most important in the New Testament. Submission becomes minor in marriage if the husband is doing this.

III. Love always expresses itself in action. (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Exodus 6:6, 1 John 3:18)

A. In order to be loving, act loving.

B. We act our way into feeling. (1 Corinthians 13)

C. Love is a decision.

IV. Three suggestions to become more loving toward your wife every day.

A. Tell your wife you love her.

B. Do something nice for her.

C. Pay her a compliment.

V. Husbands need to establish a fun atmosphere in the home. (Proverbs 17:22)

VI. Marriage takes work.

VII. Order of priorities: relationship to God, relationship to your wife, relationship to your children.

VIII. Wives need to know that they are number one in our thoughts next to God himself.

IX. God has brought people together in marriage to change each other over a lifetime. (Proverbs 27:17)

Application questions:

1. How can you better show love to your wife?

2. How would your wife order your priorities based on what you do?

3. Which tip for loving your wife did you find most helpful? Explain.
