

Meeting the Needs of Your Spouse

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I. Introduction.

- A. Communication is important in conflict.
- B. It is the husband's responsibility to initiate communication.

II. Discovering and meeting the needs of your spouse.

- A. God is ultimately the only one who can meet your needs.
- B. Make a list of your basic needs and compare them with your spouse.
- C. We need to study our mates and learn the differences between them in order to meet his or her needs.
- D. God can help us understand each other's needs.

III. Headship. (Ephesians 5)

- A. The primary responsibilities of the head is to take care of those under him.
- B. If Christ initiated and maintained communication for the church, the husband should do the same for his wife.

IV. Couples need recreational companionship to become closer.

V. Love must be expressed in action. A husband needs to do three things every day.

- A. Tell her you love her.
- B. Do something nice for her.
- C. Pay her a compliment.

VI. Wives need to be listened to and to have depth in their communication with one another.

VII. To discover the needs of your spouse you must know, understand, adjust and accept.

Application questions:

1. How have you seen differences in your mate add strength?

2. What differences do you tend to struggle with the most?

3. What steps will you take to better meet the needs of your spouse? Explain.
