

Role and Responsibility of the Husband

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I. Introduction.

A. Marriage is important to God, important to our nation and important to the individual. (Romans 1)

B. Problems in marriage come from...

1. Personality differences.
2. Vulnerability. (1 Peter 4:8)
3. Selfishness. (Proverbs 13:10)
4. The world we live in.
5. Spiritual warfare.

C. A smoothly functioning marriage takes thought, planning and training. If both partners are willing to change the input, then the output will change also. (Proverbs 4:23)

II. There are three parts of marriage.

A. Emotional. (1 Peter 3:7; Ephesians 5:25-29; 4:31-32)

B. Spiritual. (Genesis 18:19)

C. Physical. (1 Timothy 5:8; 1 Corinthians 7:2-5)

III. A woman has certain emotional needs.

A. Women need leadership. (Leviticus 20:13; Malachi 3:6)

B. Women need security. (1 Corinthians 14:8)

C. Women need affection.

D. Women need to be cared for.

E. Women need to be talked to.

F. Women need to feel needed.

IV. God always planned that a man would lead.

V. Sex.

A. God created sexuality. (Genesis 1:27; Hebrews 13:4)

1. Women are aroused more slowly than men.
2. Women require foreplay and after-play.
3. Women do have sexual needs.
4. Men should not be rude, crude, dirty, impatient, selfish or hurried.

VI. Types of domineering husbands.

- A. Explosive.
- B. Compulsive. (Ephesians 4:13)
- C. Uncommunicative.
- D. Child husband.
- E. Hypochondriac.
- F. Passive.
- G. Playboy.

VII. Ten commandments for husbands.

- A. Treat wives with strength and gentleness.
- B. Define areas of responsibility and stick with it.
- C. Avoid criticism.
- D. Give ample praise and assurance.
- E. Remember the little things.
- F. Recognize her need for togetherness.
- G. Recognize the validity of her moods.
- H. Corroborate with her in every effort to improve her marriage.
- I. Discover her specific needs and try to meet them.

Application questions:

1. Why is marriage difficult?

2. What are some of the differences between men and women that might help us to understand each other better for a successful marriage?

3. What are some ways you would like to grow as a husband? Explain.
